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- Clement of Alexandria

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Great Names nixed

Planning committee unable to contract big name

by Brenna Chiaputti '02 & W.J. Gormley '00
NEWS WRITER *NEWS EDITOR*

A Great Names Series speaker has not been lined up for this semester, as the Office of Communications and Development, which runs the successful series, was unable to book a "big name" for the program.

Because Jennifer Potter-Hayes, Director of Alumni Affairs and main coordinator of the Series, is on personal leave this semester, the responsibility for this task was passed on to Director of Student Activities Beverly Low in collaboration with the Campus Activities Board. CAB, which promotes the event, in addition to suggesting possible speakers, did not have the time to fully prepare a quality program.

"We discussed it and decided that if we couldn't get the speaker we wanted to come this spring, rather than bring in a smaller name, we would just hold off until next fall," said Low.

Due to a lack of adequate time to organize the event, Low and CAB decided to cancel a speaker for the spring semester.

According to Low, planning for the Great Names Lecture "... requires a lot of coordinating of the two schedules, which in turn, usually requires a significant amount of planning ahead."

The College will attempt to bring two speakers next fall as a reparation for the springtime cancellation, according to Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs Jaime Tackett '98.

The Great Names Series made its debut with General Colin Powell three years ago and has garnered a successful reputation in the time since.

"You can measure its success simply by the number of phone calls and letters from speakers' bureaus wanting to schedule in people to the program," said Low.

A speaker's bureau arranges contracts between colleges and speakers currently on the lecture circuit.

The B.B. King performance last fall featured a departure from the traditional lecture format that has characterized the series since its inception. King, however, proved to be a great success, as measured by the enthusiastic student response.

Although one speaker has already been decided upon, the College is unable to release the name because of contractual obligations with the speaker's agency, according to Vice-President of Communications and Development Dick Tantillo.

Low, however, said that she would be able to release the name to the Spectator next week.

When determining who to invite, a number of variables come into play, one of the most important being student interest in a subject or speaker. CAB sends out a campus-wide email each semester, soliciting student input. The results of the inquiry are narrowed to the ten most-requested individuals, one of which will hopefully be featured in the Series.

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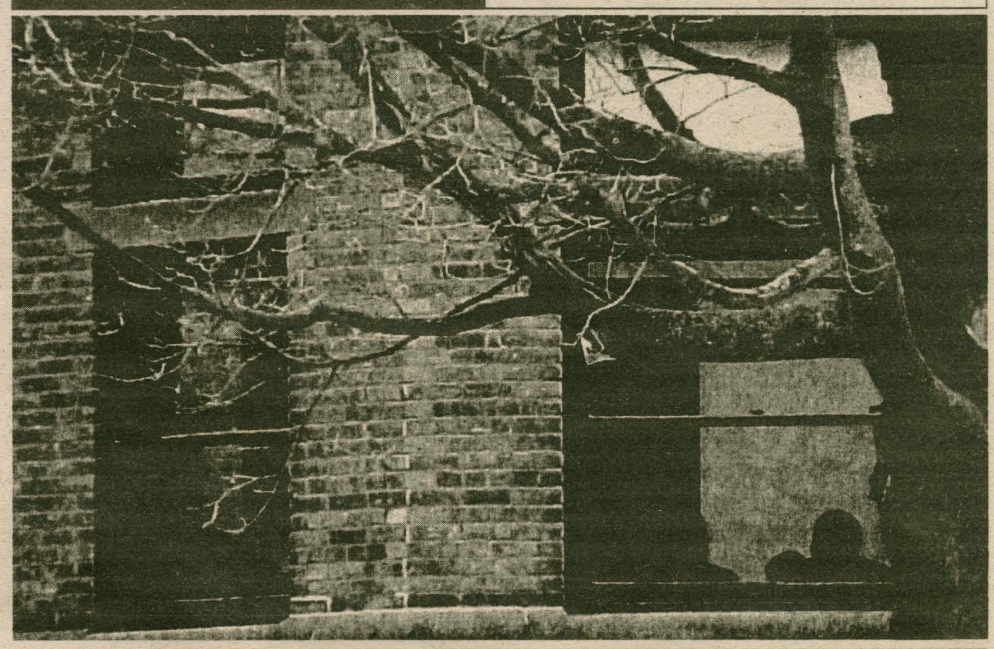

Rome to host Woodstock'99

by Cristen Sargent '01
NEWS EDITOR

It's one of the biggest events to hit this ecomically suffering area in years. It's a hyped-up, expensive reminder of a weekend thirty years ago when the air danced with free love, awesome music and more marijuana and booze than Tijuana.

Woodstock '99 is coming to Rome, New York July 22-25.

The Griffiss Air Force Base Business and Technology Park signed a contract Wednesday with event attorneys that will bring big-name performers and 250,000 peace and music lovers to Upstate New York.

Although some locals are concerned about the possibility of excessive noise and traffic, most consider Woodstock '99 the relief that local business has been waiting for.

The City of Rome and Oneida County can expect $1.5 million in local sales tax alone, according to the Observer-Dispatch.

"This is not 1969, this is 1999, and capitalism rules," Steven DiMeo, executive vice president of the Mohawk Valley EDGE economic development agency told the paper. "This is not just a concert. This is a musical event."

Slated performers will not be announced until April, just before tickets go on sale.

The Greens are in the House: party wins recognition

By Aaron Warren '00
EDITOR-AT-LARGE

Green Party Gubernatorial Candidate Al Lewis, a.k.a. Grandpa Munster from the television show "The Munsters," has gotten his party on New York State's ballot.

After receiving his Ph.D. in Child Psychology from Columbia University in 1941 Lewis has been a force for reform and against oppression since long before the 1960's when he befriended the Black Panthers, taught them black history and assisted them in legal matters. This long time activist and solid supporter of the economically, socially and legally oppressed hit it big in this last election. Lewis received over 52,000 votes from the multitude of New Yorkers who did not find representation in the Democratic Candidate Carl Valone or Republican Candidate George Pataki. So they chose to express their collective will in an attempt to elect a third party candidate. Lewis' draw of more than 50,000 votes has given the Green Party a ballot line in further New York elections.

The acquisition of a ballot line means that the Green Party will now be able to put candidates on the ballot with ease. This spells big things for the New York "Greens." The Greens will now be able to have voters register under their party name. Without having to worry about their ability to be involved in the election at all, the Green Party is now free to spread their message. Most importantly, however, their ballot status entiles them to a certain amount of respect. This is where the value of the ballot line is immeasurable. Respect among parties can, in turn, help new ideas and issues reach a much wider spectrum of the voting public.

The Party presents a 10 point platform:
(1) Ecological Responsibility
(2) Nonviolence
(3) Grassroots Democracy
(4) Social and Economic Justice
(5) Decentralization
(6) Community Economics
(7) Feminism
(8) Respect for Diversity
(9) Personal and Global Responsibility
(10) Future Focus

Behind all of the party's ideas lie certain values. The most evident of these values are respect and responsibility. From elections to ecology to the treatment of our neighbors, the Green Party wishes to get the masses to care and be involved. The Greens encourage respect for all races and lifestyles

Respect and mutual understanding are the only means to social and political progress. This political respect is what the Greens hope to acheive with their ballot status. Though stalwart Al Lewis does not necessary expect to win any elections any time soon, a little healthy competition always helps bring important issues to the fore. The Green Party has a lot to say and they have climbed their way to a position where they can be heard by all of New York State. The Green Party USA also has state ballot status in California, Hawaii, Alaska, New Mexico, Maine, and Rhode Island. The addition of new viewpoints to any agrument ensures an informed voting public the Greens are oiling the gears of our political system by making their voices heard.

PHOTO COURTESY GREEN PARTY
The Brooklyn chapter of the Green Party marches in a recent demonstration

PHOTO COURTESY GREEN PARTY
"Grampa" Al Lewis, last year's Green Party Gubernatorial Canidate

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Oneidas fight for rightful land claim

by Riley Fenner '00
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Oneida Indian Nation, one of our close upstate New York neighbors, is fighting to obtain retribution for land that was taken from them illegally over 200 years ago, with the support of the U.S. Department of Justice.

The U.S. Supreme Court decided in 1985 that the Oneidas were justified in their claim to approximately 250,000 acres in dispute, ranging from the south edge of Oneida Lake to the town of Vernon in Eastern Madison County. The basis of that decision is The Trade and Intercourse Act passed by Congress in 1790, which prohibits purchases of Indian lands that are not approved by Congress. After that law was passed, the state of New York illegally negotiated 26 separate treaties with the Oneida Nation, transferring all but a few hundred acres of the Nation to American citizens.

Since the Supreme Court decision in 1985, however, the Oneida Indians have received only 42 acres of the land to which they have legal claim. The Oneidas have sought to avoid dispossessing landowners in the same manner in which they were dispossessed through legal action, but thus far they have failed to achieve a satisfactory settlement through negotiations with the state of New York. As a result of this lack of action, the Oneida Nation has filed an amended complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York. The U.S. Department of Justice filed a nearly identical amended complaint in the case.

The case has serious implications for over 20,000 landowners in the area that is affected. In an open letter to their neighbors in Madison and Oneida Counties, the Oneida Nation expressed its regret at having been forced to take legal action in the case, and reiterated their attempts to negotiate a fair settlement with New York State. The Nation still does not wish to see any landowner removed from their home against their wishes, since that very action against the Oneidas has hurt them for countless generations. Their hope is that the new legal action will force the state to pursue a reasonable settlement. However, the alternative has lots of local residents worried.

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A contempoary sketch of an Oneida Indian Nation elder.

Faculty debates fate of 'Sophomore Seminar' at first meeting of the year

by Justin Lamberto '02
NEWS WRITER

The faculty and administration met in the Dwight Lounge of Bristol Campus Center Tuesday afternoon to tangle with the logistics and semantics of a new educational initiative: mandatory seminars for sophomores.

The meeting was not as well attended as one might have expected it to be, and except for a few diehard polemics, the forty who did attend made it clear that there were innumerable other things that they would rather be doing.

Professor Kelly, a lanky man with independently-minded hair, presided over the motley group, calling shots and attempting to keep things parliamentarian. With a bang of the gavel, the discussion began.

The faculty discussed an initiative that has existed in one way or another since about 1996. In the fall of that year, the college began a review of its curriculum, a process which culminated in the spring of 1998 with CAP (Committee on Academic Policy) presenting a three part package which included an embryonic version of the proposal discussed in Tuesday's meeting. Two parts of the package were adopted, while the third was tabled for further discussion.

The proposal at hand is a seminar that will be taught from a "inter- or multidisciplinary perspective," and involves an independent presentation of some sort, a presentation worth 40% of the final grade. Students would be required to take this one-semester, 200-level seminar, and complete it within the space of their sophomore year, but would have the option of being able to complete it by the fall of their junior year. The proposal states that the courses would be "team taught, or organized in clusters." As

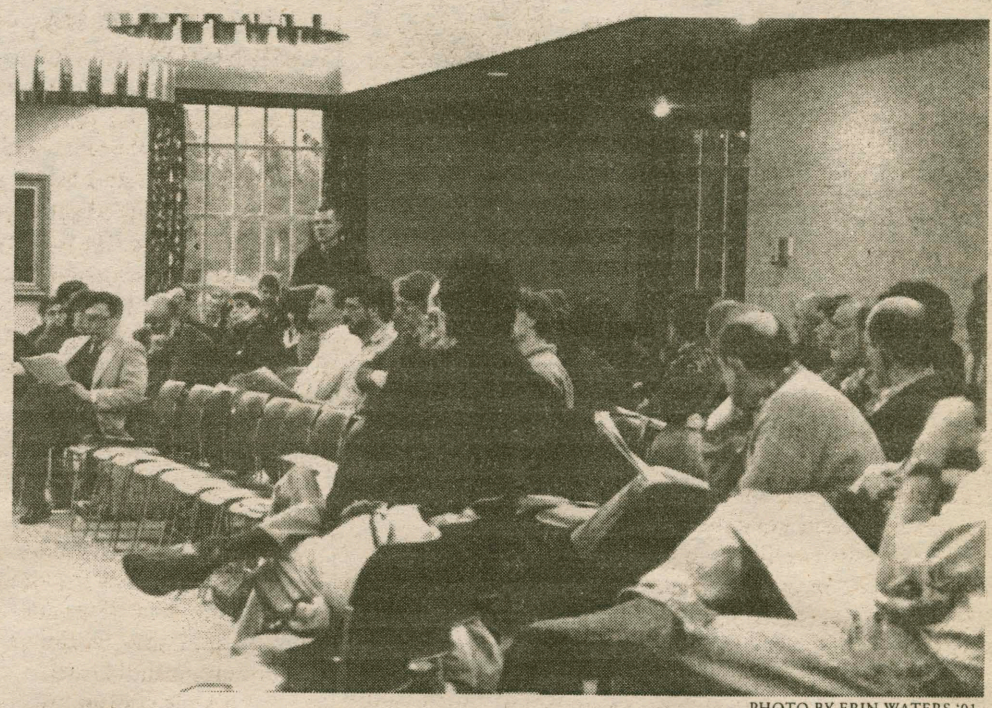

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Members of the faculty heatedly debate curricular reform Tuesday.

was repeated *ad nauseam* during the meeting, the purpose of the seminar is to build "a common experience for sophomores" and improve "critical thinking skills."

The meeting was not concerned with how the seminars would be implemented. There was much controversy over the issue of 'discussants' — faculty members who would not be teaching the seminars themselves, but would act as adjuncts — and the power they would be given, with regard to direction and to grading.

Many in the room felt that the role of discussants was redundant, and furthermore weakened the role of the teacher(s) in the seminar. Thus, Professor Peter Rabinowitz made a motion to amend the proposal, excising all mention of a discussant, presentations, and some other provisions that detracted from the influence of the instructor. This led to a prolonged debate, by turns highly rhetorical and highly logistical.

The issue was "the freedom for faculty to decide their own logistics," and several points were brought up—namely, the "unfair burden" placed on instructors.

One faculty member commented, "How do you expect 60 people to agree to teach these courses? 60 people can't even show up here to discuss it!"

Physics professor Brian Collett stated that adding in a discussant, and having a faculty coordinator organize presentation logistics was "micromanagement of curriculum."

When confronted with the issue of mem-

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THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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Civil Rights groups sue UC-Berkeley

(U-WIRE) SAN FRANCISCO — A coalition of civil rights organizations and minority students slapped UC Berkeley with a federal class action lawsuit Tuesday over its admissions process, which they call "discriminatory."

Saying the university's admissions process and its definition of "merit" is illegal, lawyers representing eight "highly-qualified, minority" students brought to the U.S. District Courthouse, the suit, which alleges that UC Berkeley's fall admissions policies are in violation of federal civil rights laws.

"There are no ifs, ands or buts about it," said attorney Joseph Jaramillo of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). "UC Berkeley's admission process violates civil rights. It is fair in its face, but it operates in a discriminatory manner."

The lawsuit was filed by high-profile, civil rights groups including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Civil Liberties Union and MALDEF.

Speaking at an early morning press conference at the San Francisco Federal Building, the student plaintiffs said they did not receive a fair chance to become UC Berkeley students under the campus' admissions policies, and added that the lawsuit is an opportunity to make major changes in the treatment of future applicant pools.

Questions about the future of journalism

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wisc. — The rise of technology has changed the way people communicate over time. From handwriting to e-mail, these discoveries bring into question the role of traditional forms of media, including journalism.

According to UW-Madison professor Lewis Friedland, the prime cause for changes in journalism is the public's choice for access to information. The decline of newspaper readership and rise of TV has changed how we get our news and what kind of news we receive.

Jonathan Wolman, national managing editor of the Associated Press, said the "all news all the time environment" has had a large effect on the public and its consumption of the media.

The Internet has also played a large part in the ever-evolving nature of journalism.

Friedland said today's journalism students will be tomorrow's "synthesizers... They need to be able to go out and make sense of the world and write about it," he said.

Ruth Conniff, a columnist for The Progressive, commented on the difference between present and past journalists.

"Journalism has become less of a job and more of a profession," Conniff said. "Years ago, reporters were blue-collar workers reporting things ordinary people ought to know."

Conniff said that while there may be a "blurring of the line between news and entertainment" journalism as we know it will never completely disappear, she said.

Terrorist threat delays Pitt basketball teams

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH, Penn. — An airline passenger posing as a terrorist forced the cancellation Monday night of a flight the Pitt men's basketball team was taking to Washington, D.C.

Despite the fact that the passenger made no specific threats against the Boeing 737 or its passengers, a spokesman for USAirways said crews evacuated the plane and conducted a thorough search. They found nothing.

The alleged terrorist was at the boarding gate, where he announced he was a terrorist, said spokesman David Castelveter.

Dan Monaghan, an Allegheny County police sergeant, said John Amoroso, 43, of Schenectady, N.Y., told a flight attendant at the boarding door he was a terrorist.

The attendant replied that all statements of terrorism are taken seriously and Amoroso should stop making them. Once again, Amoroso said he was a terrorist. Castelveter said Amoroso was arrested and charged by the Allegheny Police Department.

The USAirways Flight number 1800 was scheduled to leave Pittsburgh International Airport at 6:10 p.m. and arrive at Ronald Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C., at 7:10 p.m., then continue on to West Palm Beach, Fla. The Pitt basketball team was on its way to Washington to play against Georgetown University. The game was played Tuesday night.

WORLD NEWS

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One fifth of Iraq air defenses gone

WASHINGTON (AP) - American and British missiles and bombs have destroyed about one-fifth of Iraq's air defenses, most in the past five weeks of cat-and-mouse clashes between Western warplanes and Saddam Hussein's pilots and anti-aircraft batteries, Pentagon officials say.

Iraq has suffered about 40 hits on its air defense sites since Dec. 28, when the Iraqi military began attacking U.S. and British fighters patrolling "no-fly" zones over northern and southern Iraq, U.S. defense officials say. That's more than during December's four-day allied bombing campaign. About two-thirds of the 34 Iraqi air defense sites targeted in the Dec. 16-19 airstrikes were hit.

In response, Saddam has pulled back his least mobile anti-aircraft missile batteries from the no-fly zones in recent days, Defense Secretary William Cohen confirmed on Thursday.

"He has lost some of his capability and people in the last couple of weeks, so I think it's a wise decision on his part," Cohen said in an interview aboard an Air Force jet en route to Madrid, Spain, on the first leg of an eight-day trip to Europe and Africa.

"It's clear from his recent actions that he doesn't want to lose all of his SAMs," Cohen said, referring to the network of surface-to-air missiles that have been targeting allied planes. "To the extent that he poses a threat to our forces in the region, then they are going to be hit."

King Hussein's transplant fails

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) - A gravely ill King Hussein left a U.S. hospital Thursday after an unsuccessful bone marrow transplant and was flying home to Jordan, accompanied by his wife and family members.

The king's return comes only 10 days after he had abruptly gone back to the United States suffering a relapse of lymphatic cancer. Just before he left, the king named his oldest son as his successor in an apparent move to ensure Jordan's future stability.

The condition of the 63-year-old Hussein "has become critical due to the failure of the function of internal organs," the king's private physician, Lt. Gen. Samir Farraj, said Thursday.

Farraj's statement, issued at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., gave no further details on the king's health. But an official in Amman said Hussein's body had apparently rejected a bone marrow transplant performed on Tuesday.

On Thursday, Hussein left the clinic where he has been receiving treatment for recurrence of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer.

In Washington, President Clinton urged prayers for the king who had helped forge the Wye River peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians in October.

Israeli tour to feature miracle

JERUSALEM (AP) - Retracing Jesus' footsteps on Holy Land pilgrimages is nothing new - but the tours have not extended onto water, until now.

Israel's National Parks Authority said Monday that it had authorized a private contractor to build a submerged bridge into the Sea of Galilee that would allow tourists to simulate Jesus' miraculous walk on water.

"In the beginning we thought it was a joke," the authority's head of planning, Zeev Margalit, told The Associated Press.

The bridge is one of a long list of projects approved by Israeli authorities for the millennium, when an anticipated four million pilgrims are expected.

Some church authorities said they were reserving judgment on the bridge until August, when it is due to be in place at Capernaum, the legendary site of Jesus' walk on water.

The 13-foot wide, 28-foot long crescent-shaped floating bridge will be submerged two inches below water, and will be able to accommodate up to 50 people.

It will not be railed in order to enhance the "walking on water" effect, and lifeguards and boats will be in attendance in case a walker slips off.

The site of Jesus' reported walk on water at the Sea of Galilee - actually a freshwater lake in north Israel - has been a pilgrimage point since at least the third century, and is marked by an ancient church.

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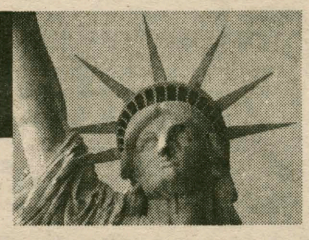

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Senate rejects live testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate moved today to bring President Clinton's impeachment trial to a prompt conclusion, rejecting a last-ditch request by House prosecutors to summon Monica Lewinsky for live testimony. Republicans also shrank from a plan to declare the president guilty without ousting him from office.

With 25 Republicans joining Democrats, the Senate rejected, 70-30, the prosecutors' request to issue a subpoena requiring the young woman at the center of the impeachment drama to testify in the well of the Senate.

With support from several Democrats, however, Senate Republicans approved the House prosecutors' request to show at the trial this weekend "all or portions" of the videotaped depositions of Ms. Lewinsky, presidential friend Vernon Jordan and White House adviser Sidney Blumenthal. All three had been questioned in private earlier this week.

Prosecutors and White House lawyers would have up to three hours each to show portions of those videotapes on Saturday before the two sides begin closing arguments.

Earlier today, emerging from a closed-door meeting with fellow Republicans, Majority Leader Trent Lott declared the Senate was "on track" for a final vote on the two articles of impeachment by Feb, 12, or perhaps a day earlier.

Story on Chelsea upsets Clintons

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton and his wife say they are "profoundly saddened" by *People* magazine's decision to do a cover story on daughter Chelsea.

"For over six years, the media has understood and respected the unique situation facing Chelsea as she grows up in the spotlight focused on her parents," the Clintons said Wednesday in a prepared statement. "We have been very grateful for the media's restraint in allowing Chelsea the privacy that any young person needs and deserves."

The Clintons said *People* chose to run the story "despite personal appeals with respect to her privacy and her security from her parents."

The magazine is to hit the street Friday with a cover photo of Chelsea with her mother and the headline: "Hillary & Chelsea -- Grace Under Fire."

People bills the eight-page story inside as "an intimate look at the deep bond of love that sustains the Clinton women through their painful family ordeal" in the Monica Lewinsky scandal and the impeachment of the president.

"There is a great deal of admiration for this mother-daughter relationship," *People's* managing editor, Carol Wallace, said in response to the White House statement. "We feel that because she is an eyewitness to the family drama and historical events unfolding around her she is a valid journalistic subject."

Administration officials said they didn't believe there were any startling revelations in the magazine's upcoming issue.

Marine trial starts in gondola case

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) - A Marine pilot whose jet clipped a ski gondola cable and killed 20 people in Italy last year cannot be forced to testify about a missing videotape shot before the accident, a judge ruled Thursday.

The setback for prosecutors came before lawyers began questioning potential jurors to hear the case of Capt. Richard Ashby, 31, of Mission Viejo, Calif.

Fifteen Marine officers -- all of equal or superior rank to Ashby -- were summoned as possible jurors at the court-martial. The selection process is expected to continue Friday. Opening arguments are planned Monday.

EA-6B Prowler radar-jamming jet flown by Ashby severed the Mount Cermis gondola cable in the Italian Alps on Feb. 3, 1998. The jet was supposed to be at a minimum altitude of 1,000 feet when it hit the cable, suspended 370 feet above the valley.

During a motions hearing before jury selection, Nunley said the case against Ashby's navigator, Capt. Joseph Schweitzer, was weak and he would be inclined to dismiss it. Because he isn't the presiding judge in that case, however, Nunley refused a defense motion to dismiss.

The court-martial of Schweitzer, 31, of Westbury, N.Y., begins March 1.

Ashby is charged with 20 counts of nvoluntary manslaughter and faces a maximum sentence of more than 200 years. He also is charged with obstruction of justice for allegedly destroying the tape.

Oneidas seek reparations
Land claim may affect College

PHOTO BY RILEY FENNER'OO

The Marker at the foot of the hill that designates the boundary between the Oneida Indian Nation and the United States. Hamilton College is on the Oneida side of the line.

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Christine and Ralph Strebel, who moved to Canastota about 18 months ago, said they feel betrayed by the federal government, the state and the Oneidas. "They're all so irresponsible,' Christine Strebel said, "I'm not angry at Ray Halbrittter at all—if it weren't for him, it would be somebody else within the Oneidas doing this. But the state has let everybody down, and the federal government has betrayed us by suing on behalf of the Oneidas."

The Oneida Nation hopes that such sentiments will encourage the state to make a greater attempt to negotiate a solution than they have in the past. The Oneidas have proposed several settlement solutions that they feel would benefit the entire area.

"We could consider ways to establish a manufacturing zone that would be free of many bureaucratic impediments to development. This could attract thousands of high-paying jobs to the region. We could work with Niagra Mohawk Power Corporation to help reduce power costs for the entire region. By securing low-cost power, we could attract new businesses that otherwise couldn't afford the high cost of power in New York. Together with New York State, we could secure a massive injection of federal funding for economic development. These funds could help other start-up businesses take advantage of the millions of tourists Oneida Nation enterprises are attracting to the region. These ideas demonstrate that we are trying to find a positive settlement for everyone affected by the case."

As of now, Hamilton College is not claiming any involvement in this case. The school, as most students know, was originally founded as a college for Oneida Indians. Samuel Kirkland, one of the college's founders, was a close friend of Chief Skenandoah of the Oneida Nation. The two men are buried next to each other in the college cemetery. Currently, although Samuel Kirkland's grave is in excellent condition, Chief Skenandoah's grave is virtually unrecognizable as such. Hamilton, through the efforts of Dean of Faculty Barbara Gold and other college administrators, is planning to have Skenandoah's grave restored in the spring, and to hold a ceremony commemorating the event with the Oneida Indians.

In addition, the Chemistry Department is working on a proposal that would allow Oneida Indian students to study with their department over the summer. The College's relations with the Oneidas do not indicate a wish on the part of either party to have Hamilton's land revert to Oneida ownership. However, a marker near the bottom of College Hill indicates that the edge of our campus corresponds closely to the border between Oneida Nation land and U.S. territory.

Faculty debate still heated despite low attendance

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bers of the faculty taking umbrage at having no other choice but to volunteer to teach the seminars, Associate Dean Greg Pierce said, "Making this a required course for students implicitly means that we expect faculty to teach it. Most of the faculty wants these seminars, in short, it is not a problem."

President Tobin supported the original plan, stating that "the distinctive aspect is the presentation side....this is a competitive field. We are looking to attract the highest caliber of students, and these students are looking for a common experience that would have substance, that would not just be a cosmetic experience or rite of passage."

Yet even his support was not enough to sway the faculty, which approved Rabinowitz's amendment, resulting in the removal of the discussant, the presentation, and all presence of an administrative overseer.

Carol Bellini-Sharp said at one point in the discussion that "this needs to be dealt with incrementally, either that, or we all need to invest a lot of time and energy thinking about this to make it work."

And indeed, many faculty members agree with her. Dean Pierce stated that essentially nothing is set in stone; that there would be many logistical changes before the final vote on February 18, and that much was needed to be done.

On this date in history...

February 5, 1937... President Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of Supreme Court justices; critics charged Roosevelt was attempting to "pack" the court.

On this date in:

1631... The founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife arrived in Boston from England.

1881... Phoenix, Arizona was incorporated.

1917... Congress passed, over President Wilson's veto, a law severely curtailing the immigration of Asians.

1917... Mexico's constitution was adopted.

1958... Clifton W. Wharton Sr. became the first African-American to head a U.S. European embassy when he was confirmed as ambassador to Romania.

1958... Gamel Abdel Nasser was formally nominated to become the first president of the new United Arab Republic.

1962... French President Charles De Gaulle called for Algeria's independence.

1968... Students in Orangeburg, S.C. tried to end the discriminatory practices of a local bowling alley ending in a confrontation with police and the National Guard. Three students died.

1988... The Arizona House impeached Governor Evan Mecham, setting the stage for his conviction in the state Senate.

1972... Robert Lewis Douglas, founder and coach of the Rens, was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

1994... White separatist Byron De La Beckwith was convicted in Jackson, Mississippi of the 1963 murder of civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

1997... Switzerland's "Big Three" banking giants announced they would create a $71 million fund for Holocaust victims and their families.

1997... Investment bank Morgan Stanley announced a $10 billion merger with Dean Witter.

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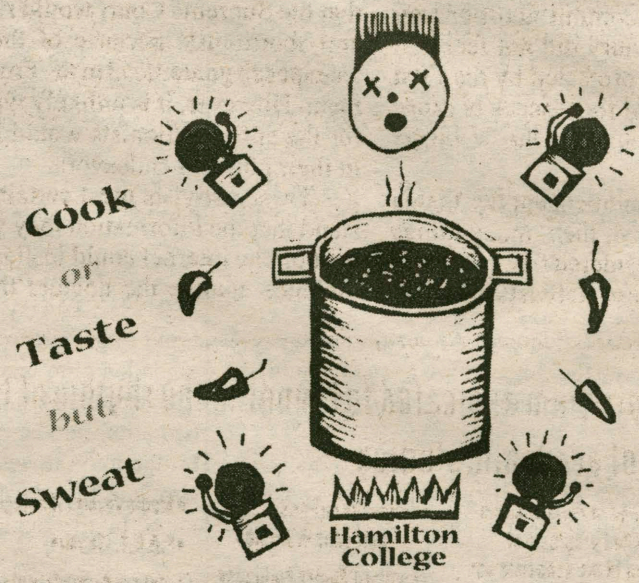

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Memories of Junior High; Lunch boxes and add slips

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I can vote. I can gamble. I file my own taxes. I can go to the Nice N' Easy and buy beer, cigarettes, lotto tickets and Nyquil--all after 8 p.m. But last Friday I had detention.

Over a decade has passed since the last time I got detention for sticking a wad of grape Bubbalicious under my desk. In that time span, the Cold War has ended, almost three presidential terms have passed, and as last year's graduation speaker took two hours to explain, we can now use the internet. The only point my eighth grade teacher ever made was that history repeats itself. Well, I guess Miss Klynduck was right; another George Bush is running for president, and I just had detention. Even though my mom has let me sit in the front seat of the car for the past seventeen years, (which she once said officially made me a BIG GIRL), apparently I'm not too big for detention.

Ten years ago, the year 2000 still had a mystical sound to it. Where would I be? What would I have accomplished? Never did I think that I'd be spending the turn of the millennium in Café Opus Detention Hall, with my head down on the plaid red couch under the no-smoking sign. I just had to sit there and think about what I had done. I couldn't even go to the bathroom, because some guy already had the hall pass. Well, I have thought about it long and hard, and I have learned my lesson. I will never, ever, ever hand my add slip in three minutes late again. I will even write that in the Daily Bull a hundred times. (Of course, I will never have to add a class again since I'm graduating.) If I ever come back to Hamilton in another life, I'll be sure to go to Radio Shack and buy my professor a beeper in case they actually want to step out of their office during the 4 1/4 days of add period. When Alexander Hamilton imagined an institution of higher learning, do you think that vision included clapping erasers and washing the blackboard? I was wondering that myself the other night, when I stumbled upon his ghost, furiously trying to yank his statue off the platform. I asked Al why he was so embarrassed to have his statue displayed on our campus. He rolled his eyes at me from under his tri-cornered hat and said: "Why do you think? This place bites." Totally true story.

Hamilton College has often been compared to a boarding school. But last Friday, it crossed a dimension into junior-high land. Before you know it, we'll all be in wood shop sanding down cheese boards and taking gym classes. (Oops, I forgot, we already have those.) Maybe if I'm lucky, the kid I'm babysitting will let me borrow his Trapper Keeper. Even he hasn't had detention in years. The sad part is that I almost didn't sign this article because I didn't want to get detention again. Or even worse, I might lose my recess.

www.anti-abortionists.com-website or hitlist?

A new wave of questions breaks on the shore in one of the most dead-locked debates of our nation's history. A federal jury ruled this past Tuesday against anti-abortionists who post names and information about doctors who commit abortions on their webpage. The jury did not feel that these activists were protected by the First Amendment rights of free speech because of the implicit threats that the webpage issues.

If the First Amendment applies to this type of implicit threat, then many things can no longer be considered free speech. Is it necessary for these activists to think about the possible dangers for these doctors if the wrong type of anti-abortionists obtain this type of personal information?

The Supreme Court may be called upon to answer this question. It is likely that the Supreme Court would rule for the anti-abortionists because of the right to free speech guaranteed in the First Amendment. However, it is unlikely that a ruling for the anti-abortionists would help them in their political endeavors.

These activists most certainly understand that the information they gather and post on the internet could instigate acts of violence against the doctors they name. However, the activists claim that they gather the information in case the doctors are ever brought to court on criminal charges. They relate it to the type of investigative technique that was used in the Nuremberg trials after World War II. These explanations just don't hold any water.

The anti-abortionists in this case are being hypocritical. That harm or death could come upon these doctors and their families is a violent threat against human life that is strikingly similar to the practice that they wish to end. Violent acts against the doctors will not bring about an end to the violent acts against the unborn.

Also, it is highly unlikely that the doctors would ever be brought to trial on charges relating to abortion because of ex post facto laws. Abortion is legal and the doctors that perform abortions now are doing so within the confines of the law. Even if the doctors are brought to trial on other charges, the anti-abortionists can't expect to end or decrease abortion practices by helping put the doctors in jail for crimes that are outside of the medical arena.

Now, in order to get a complete look at the significance of this ruling, one must ask why we, as citizens of the world, are forced to deal with the question of abortion. It simply comes down to the need to choose between two fundamental rights: the right to life for the baby, and the right to pursue happiness by the mother. (The right to privacy is not mentioned here because it is NEVER explicitly enumerated in the Constitution, but that is another argument).

The Supreme Court likely did not want to address this choice, but due to the volatile subject matter and the strong opinions on both sides, it became necessary to choose. Whether or not the right choice was made is something we may never know for sure.

There is one reason why abortion continues to be an issue: it can easily be prevented in most cases in the United States That is, in the U.S. and most modern countries, contraceptives are relatively inexpensive and available in various forms.

Contrastly, in developing third world nations, abortion is a necessary evil because of the lack of contraceptive devices Many women there cannot afford to have more children.

KRYSTYN SCHMERBECK

Knocking on the Front Door

Also, in these countries, abortion i extremely dangerous because of the un clean conditions and lack of medical sup plies.

It is a tragedy that we have the technol ogy to prevent abortion but do not, whil countries that do not have these devices ar forced to allow abortions even in the mos unsafe conditions.

Abortion rates in the United State have gone down in recent years due to th increased use of contraceptives. The de bate has not lessened in any way. People' attitudes about abortion have not change The external factor of STDs has caused a increase in the use of contraceptives whic inadvertently decreased the abortion rat Let's not delude ourselves, the war contin ues to ravage lives throughout the Unite States and there is no end in sight.

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Editorial

Our government is a representative one. As any third grader who has been forced to sit through American Civics knows, we elect people to make decisions for us. The framers of the Constitution and the Enlightenment scholars, upon whom they based our government, feared direct rule by the people. The mob could not be completely trusted nor completely ignored. To bridge the gap between mob rule and a totalitarian regime, the framers designed a system where citizens meeting certain criteria could elect rulers with enlightened disinterest to represent them. They did not want to have a government that followed every whim of the people, yet they deemed a non-responsive one to be just as bad.

Because we live in a Republic, we as citizens feel the right to have our interests represented. This week, much of our paper is dedicated to stories of a lack of representation, or more precisely a lack of one group's interests being represented by the decision of another that has power over them. The first example that comes to mind is the Oneida Nation's land claim. The Native American population of the north east has long been denied access to their ancestral lands. We truly live not in Clinton, but in Ganenkeh, or "the land between the waters," using the bounty that was taken by force and trickery from the Oneidas. The State of New York has failed to negotiate a reasonable settlement with the Oneida Nation for the past thirteen years. They have failed to effectively represent their constituents who have now found themselves listed as defendants in a lawsuit.

Another story of ineffective representation is the recent recognition of the Green Party as an official political party on the ballot in New York State. Citizens felt that their opinions were not being adequately imparted by the Republicans and Democrats, so they voiced their dissatisfaction at the polls. The problem with representative democracy is that it encourages politicians to cater to the most moderate views, and does not allow many voices of dissension to be heard in the halls of government.

Politicians and the people they represent are experiencing the opening of an ever-widening rift between them. Over thirty years ago, R. Buckminster Fuller predicted that Americans would one day cast daily electronic ballots on the issues that are now decided by our elected representatives. This idea may not seem feasible at first, but similar procedures are carried out over the Internet. Thus, instituting an on-line voting system for all United States citizens may be the means to provide adequate representation to disenchanted citizens. This idea raises the specter of mob rule that was so feared by our founding fathers. Government officials, however, would still govern the content of issues to be voted on in such a system, fulfilling the role of the enlightened guides envisioned by the framers of the Constitution. This idea deserves some practical consideration as a solution to the problems of apathy and disenfranchisement among citizens of our nation.

It's never good when you see your Professors filling out one of those Data-Match things!

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Letters

Alum finds detention 'ridiculous, amusing, and depressing'

To the editor:

The stereotype of my alma mater as "Hamilton Prep" is justified. Several of my former classmates called me and asked me to read the Spectator this week to laugh about the ridiculous "detention" held by Greg Pierce for students who turned in their add/drop slips late. While I found this situation to be ridiculous and amusing, it is also somewhat depressing. Maybe Assistant Dean of Students Pierce will implement a bathroom pass rule as his next contribution to Hamilton College's lofty goals of higher education; or perhaps a curfew and a bedtime check should be adopted.

On a more serious note, the amount of freedom that has been taken away from students over the last several years is very disturbing. Many alumni share this concern, and we can't help but be thankful that these conditions did not exist at the time we were students. However, despite the fact that Hamilton College has alienated many of us, there is still the desire to see Hamilton succeed. Besides controlling where students can live, eat, and associate, now Hamilton is giving detention to kids who misbehave.

When I was a student, many of the important things that I learned occurred outside of the classroom. Many of these lessons were learned because I was treated as an adult, not like a student in boarding school. One resentment I did have was the preoccupation that many of the faculty had with what students did with their personal time. Quite often political agendas entered into the classroom and a lecture became an editorial in liberal ideology. Luckily I was able to escape this hypocrisy because I still had personal freedoms. I was able to go to a fraternity house of my choosing, cook my own meal, and seek refuge among people with whom I chose to associate. If I didn't want that, I had the right to live on campus as an independent. Sadly, the current Hamilton campus situation allows the faculties' agendas to penetrate outside the classroom and into the student's personal lives.

Since Hamilton is so determined to control student's personal lives, I have a proposal for a new program. This time, I think the professors should have their personal lives invaded. I think all professors should attend a class called "Why I care so much about the Social Lives of my Students." We could examine the deep psychological reasons to explain this strange preoccupation held by the Hamilton Faculty. I think Professor Pierce would be a worthy case study.

Greg Pomeroy '94

Student views flag treatment a disgrace

To the Editor.

Each day as I trudge back and forth to my car, I pass the American flag displayed next to the library, flanked by two ancient cannons and what appears to be a granite Laz-Y-Boy recliner. By day, Old Glory flaps and twists in the cold upstate sun; however, by night she hangs limp in the darkness, disrespected and unsung. The civilian flag code, as ratified by Congress some 57 years ago, dictates that "it is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset. . .on stationary flag-staffs in the open." This etiquette, though, does allow that "when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness." While Hamilton should certainly be lauded for its nationalistic fervor which seems to demand this 'patriotic effect' every day, there is no excuse for a flag that remains unheralded and unlit. Hamilton's eponymous founding father is surely rolling in his grave at such a blatantly lackadaisical attitude toward the Stars and Stripes. And today, when the discussion of proper respect for the flag has reached the constitutional level, Hamilton's abuse seems particularly flagrant.

Michael Balascio '99

LETTERS

Pierce has an 'immature approach to educating his students'

To the Editor:

I recently visited the Hamilton College web site to see what new events were taking place at my alma mater. Once again, I was very disappointed at what I saw. As I was reading through the recent articles published by *The Spectator*, I came across the article relating to the "detention hall" organized by Associate Dean of Students, Greg Pierce. For me, this article illustrated two disappointing trends that I see taking place at Hamilton College: (1) its refusal to treat its students like adults and (2) the immaturity exhibited by some (but certainly not all) of its faculty.

The amount of freedom that has been taken away from Hamilton's students over the last several years is very disturbing. Many alumni share this concern, and we can't help but be thankful that these conditions did not exist at the time we were students. Since I have graduated in 1994, Hamilton College has eliminated off-campus housing, forced students to enroll in the college's meal plan, and discouraged membership in social organizations such as fraternities/sororities. Now, it appears that the college is condoning a "detention hall" to punish students for turning in 'add' slips too late. It even appears that this detention hall caused students to miss classes and other extra-curricular activities such as athletic events. I can't imagine how missing classes and athletic events is consistent with the goals of an institution of higher education. When I was a student, many of the important things that I learned occurred outside of the classroom. Many of these lessons were learned because I was treated as an adult, not like a student in boarding school.

Let me, for a moment, give the school a break. Let me assume that Hamilton's administration does not condone sophomoric disciplinary procedures and students missing classes. Having made that assumption, there is still another problem here. That problem is that many of Hamilton's professors have an agenda they are trying to advance, which far exceeds the role of educating the college's students. In my experience at Hamilton, certain professors seemed to have had the proverbial "chip" on their shoulder; they just dared you to "knock it off". Greg Pierce was my professor on more than one occasion, and I found him to be one such professor. His recent use of the "detention hall" is just another example of his immature approach to educating his students.

To be fair, I should say that most of my professors at Hamilton were excellent. As an economics major, I found the professors in that department to be intelligent, fair, and generally interested in educating and developing their students' skills. For example, my thesis advisor, Chris Georges, worked very hard with the members of my thesis group. He made himself available to us at home, and was instrumental to the success of each of our projects. Larry Knop, a professor in the Math department, spent an inordinate amount of his "free time" helping me assimilate the material in his Linear Algebra class.

Professors like these provide Hamilton with one of its greatest strengths - its faculty. Even so, there are a number of professors who do a great disservice to the college (and its students) by acting in a very immature and selfish manner, and by placing their own agenda above the interests of Hamilton's students. Hamilton would be a better place without them.

Robert Pickels '94

Student corrects opinion article

To the Editor:

Quick quiz: How many Senators are in the U.S. House of Representatives? A)435 B)100 C)0. If you guessed C, congratulations, you can pass 6th grade social studies.

One could not be so sure after reading Jennifer Irvine and John Meehan's poorly articulated column last week (Mind Massage). Although the grammatical errors and unsubstantiated comments can be overlooked (I know I'd be lying if I said I didn't commit the same mistakes), incorrect statements are inexcusable. Bob Barr (R-Georgia) is not in the Senate, and therefore is not a Senator. He did, in fact, respond to Larry Flynt's accusation (ambiguously telling us "I think you know what they are trying to do here"), although his response did little to change any minds on the matter. Finally, he is not the House majority leader. Dick Armey (R-Texas) is. All of these facts were misrepresented in your article.

Another example (though less clear-cut) of such mistakes includes the erroneous claim that the Social Security plan is both haphazard and specific. The part of the plan that has been suggested is both deliberate and well-calculated, though specific facts have yet to take their places (ie. start-up cash for individual private investment?) This might sound pedantic, but if you're going to write a political article, please practice responsible journalism and get the facts right.

Many mistruths, questionable practices, and inconsistencies already exist as part of this scandal-turned-trial. Here are a few interesting facts:

-Monica Lewinsky was a paid employee, not an intern, during the affair. The latter term has an innocent connotation and therefore is preferred by the press.

-Henry Hyde has defended false testimony in the case of President Reagan. (He has also, incidentally, compared the "heroic" nature of the trial to Valley Forge & the Alamo.)

-All three branches of government are too busy to take advantage of the lowest inflation (1% last year) and best economical situation since the post-war days of William Levitt and nascent suburbia.

-The Christian Coalition has supported the House managers as being on the "moral" side of the struggle. Many members of the latter party have openly justified adultery (Exodus 20:14) by not coupling it with lying (Exodus 20:16).

While this is justified legally, such a selective holier-than-thou attitude could be seen as blasphemous (no exaggeration: dismissing one sin yet attacking another.) While none of these points have significant bearing on the outcome of the trial, they all represent opportunities for the media to manipulate facts and, consequently, public opinion. I know that it can be fun to argue things when you don't know what you're talking about. I do it all the time, just ask my friends. But I don't put it in black and white as part of an "insightful article" to add to the "intellectual forum" of which last week's editorial spoke so fondly.

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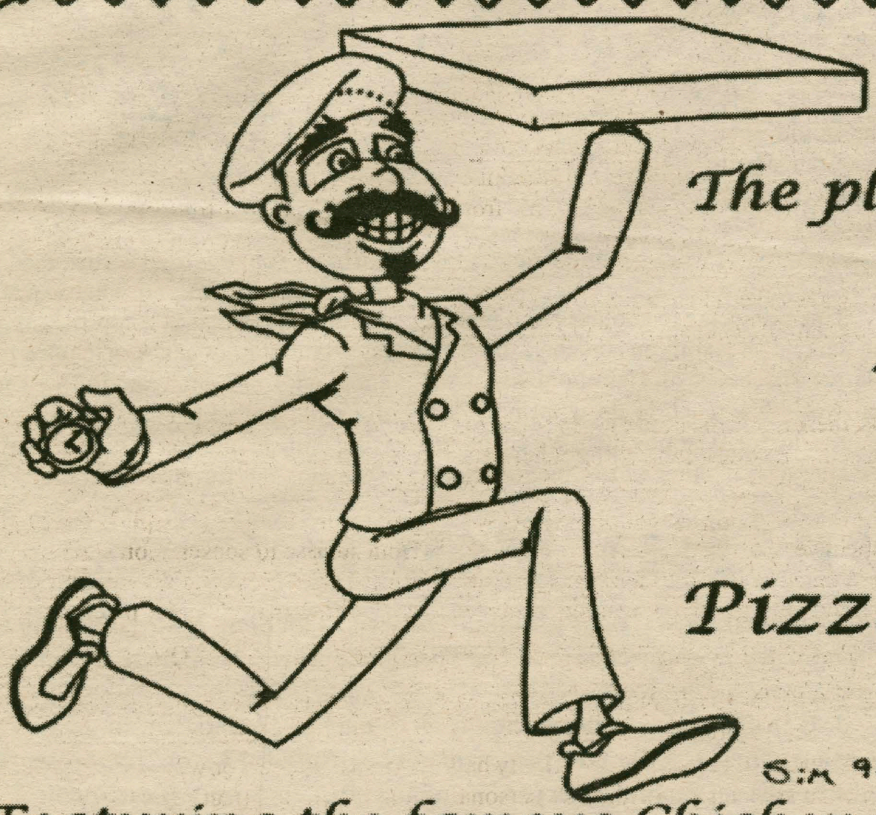

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Groggy. Tired. Chilled. Sweating. Dizzy. Sore throat. Headache. Achy joints. Just plain sick.

It's not fun being sick. I woke up at nine this morning and was led to believe that I was all better -- until I stood up. Similar to a hangover without the queasiness, the headache was enough to kick myself for not getting a flu shot back in November. However, even if I had wanted to get a flu shot, where could I get it done? I don't have a doctor in the area, I wouldn't trust St. Lukes to stick a needle in my arm, and does the Health Center even offer that service? I feel like I've contaminated my room, not to mention the fact that everyone whom I come in contact with takes one huge step back when they hear me cough. A tiny campus, less than 2000 people, and one little virus.

It's like Outbreak, but without the monkey. I'm convinced that this virus can be overcome. I'm sure that not everyone is going to get it and that those who do will make it absolutely clear how utterly miserable it is. I'm sure my friends already hate me since I've been asking them for one favor after another all day. The problem here though, isn't being sick; the problem is what there is to do about it.

The Health Center, as most would agree, has not been up to par on this one. If you have a fever and are coughing up a lung, you can't just go to the Health Center and get some drugs in search of a quick cure. Instead, you're scheduled in for sometime later that week, most likely when the sickness will already have gone away.

I understand that having scheduled appointments at the Health Center makes things run smoother but, really, when someone walks in looking sick and feeling worse, is it really worth it to make that person suffer just so they can stick by their "appointments only" rule? Somehow, that seems a bit absurd to me. I'm sure there's really not a whole lot that they can do for the flu except go through a routine exam, but if they are going to leave out condoms to ensure safe sex, then why not leave out Advil and thermometers to ensure fewer sicknesses?

Another point that I need to make focuses on professors. I know I'm probably not going to gain much faculty support in saying this, but please, give us a break. I know that at least in my case, I don't like to skip classes. I don't like being behind, and I don't like to ask around for someone else's notes from the class I missed. However, if I have to miss a class due to being sick with the flu, then accept the fact that I am incapacitated and don't assume that I'm trying to deceive you. In all honesty, it hasn't happened to me yet, but I know a lot of people whose professors have been giving them a hard time because they are sick and can't make it to class. This sickness isn't just a head cold. It's achy, cold sweaty, coughing-up-a-lung sick. It's not an excuse to miss a class but rather a valid reason to be excused in fear of contaminating the rest of the class.

One thing that really might help is if the Health Center would give notes to students who were sick, granting them an official 'excuse' from the class. That way, the professor would know that the student didn't do his homework because he or she was genuinely sick. It sounds a bit like high school, but if that's the only way that we can get out of going to class when we're sick, then maybe it's not such a bad idea after all.

Plain and simple, we live in a petri dish. There are a relatively large number of us living in extremely close quarters. We share bathrooms that breed germs like it's their job. We reach for the same serving tongs in McEwen and Commons after we've just sneezed into our hands. We live in a frigid environment that thrives on the spreading of germs. So, stay warm. Stay hydrated. Wash your hands. And above all else, cover your mouth when you cough.

Welcome to the Machine: Hamilton's Kafka-esque Bureaucracy

James Breitinger

Second Thoughts

As someone who prides himself of being quick to point out the failures and follies of Hamilton's more well-known authority figures, I was not surprised when I realized yet another way that Hamilton's image seems to have greater importance to the powers that be than the actual quality of life for an average student. Faculty members here are often heard grumbling in clusters about Hamilton's lack of pure intellectualism, (Fair claim? Well, so does Princeton's community) but I have to admit, students are often the victims of the nonsensical bureaucracy that makes Hamilton's cogs turn.

Hamilton's faculty have again demonstrated their willingness to indulge in "highminded-ness" as opposed to more pragmatic reforms (which is quite fitting for a group obsessed with such trendy educational theories and sub-committies). Instead of concentrating on sophomore "gateway programs" and increased required credits for graduation, a logical starting point would be to make a concerted effort to offer advertised courses when they are listed as being offered.

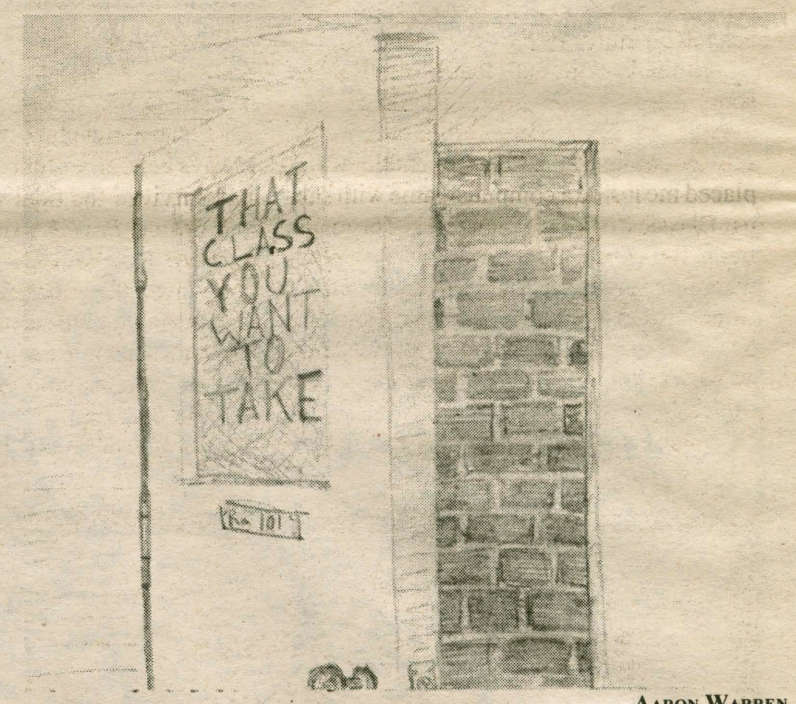
I'm examining two of Hamilton's more popular departments, which also happen to be of specific interest to me. Government and History are both popular departments, but they sometimes suffer from a lack of course offerings.

In a Government class I took last spring, I distinctly remember my professor asking indignantly if the class was upset about the lack of government classes being offered the following semester. He was answered with a mumbling acknowledgement to his point. His solution to the problem? "Complain!" he said. Well, I at least left class feeling a little better about myself since this behavior was not only condoned, but encouraged by the faculty. However, as an avid complainer I have already faced its shortcomings as an actual means to an end. Instead, I once again resigned myself to accepting mediocre class choices and what could have been. Instead, I present you with some facts:

HISTORY:
43 Classes Advertised for Spring Semester 1999
28 Classes Offered

GOVERNMENT:
37 Classes Advertised for Spring Semester 1999
30 Classes Offered

What accounts for the difference? Well, you'll be glad to know that Hamilton makes it a practice of advertising classes that they knowingly are not going to offer at the stated time. An easy way to make people satisfied while still only offering a small number of classes would be to have students choose classes from the course catalog. The Office of the Registrar could then make the schedules accordingly. Of course it never surprises anyone when Hamilton does something the hard way.



Aaron Warren

This brings me to another point regarding the typical Hamilton student. I think the relative successes of Hamiltonians in the real world has much to do with the jaded, clique-ish, dreary atmosphere we encounter day after day. In other words, the real world is a breeze once you get accustomed to being told where to live and what to eat, not to mention detention at a top liberal arts college. And it only gets worse once the week ends, with the same handful of social options, most of which usually involve socializing with people you dislike at least a moderate amount. But that's just me.

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Somebody sabotaged my Dew Cup

The other night I had a very disturbing dream. No, it wasn't the one where my dad is the barber for all of the monsters from The Muppets. I stopped having that one a while ago. It was a ne one, a disturbing one, and, mo importantly, a very patheti dream. This dream is ever thing that is wrong with societ and myself, because it was con pletely unoriginal.

Normally, a dream featu ing me as a giant monkey dri ing a go kart along Martin's Wa would be excellent. In fac something similar to that fa tasy appeared just last week i some weird column abo Martin's Way. It might hav been my column, but last week memory was mysteriousl erased in the last power outag

My problem recently ha been Mario Kart. This game i haunting me. I AM Donke Kong. I WILL beat Luigi. M thoughts HAVE become ver passive and one dimensiona However, this dream change my perspective on things. Thi dream consisted of me, as Donkey Kong, racing down Martin's Way in a Grand Prix race against Yoshi and company. Martin's Way, meanwhile, transformed into a Nintendo paradise, with banked turns, deadly traps (the artwork) and strange mushroom-headed creatures (the freshmen).

In the background, that Molly Hatchet song, *Flirtin' with Disaster*, blared. My dreams, my inner conscious expressing itself in strange and uninterpretable ways, placed me inside a computer game with sub-par Classic Rock as a soundtrack. The magic lies in its laziness. I am now lazy to the point where my brain can only simulate a 64-bit game system. Does this mean that I am only 64 bit? Will I be the equivalent of an Atari in 10 years... cute because I'm so slow and basic?

I guess that is ok with me, because now I can only spit things back that my culture has force fed me. Like Molly Hatchet. Or Donkey Kong (who would kill Molly in a

Benny Zoll

They call him

second). Granted, it is nice being lazy. I don't have to do as much, and when I do something productive, like taking a nap, I can feel better about it. But my dreams have always been an excellent sign that my brain had survived the tidal wave of *Road Rules* and *Maury Povich*. Apparently my neural defenses have failed.

I have fallen to the swinging Hatchet of Molly, who sounds suspiciously like an alien. What most people do not know is that Molly Hatchet was actually an attempt by some freaked out hippies to summon Mothra. Apparently, that annoying drone of his voice has a tendency to wake up giant hibernating insects. And how did I come privy to such information? The letters in Molly Hatchet can be rearranged to spell "they call moth." Coincidence? Probably. Am I commitable? Not until I commit another felony, or come within one hundred feet of Rod Stewart.

Speaking of being a regurgitator, has anyone noticed that this article is exactly the same as last weeks? Except with more focus on the Monkey Go karts and less focus on Hamilton (at least the non-64 bit Hamilton). This is another issue which I am not completely comfortable with, actually. Not my explicit lack of creativity, but with bits. Everyone is an expert on bits. This is a 32 bit system. A 64 bit system. A 16 bit system. Obviously, there is something magical and strange about bits. They multiply suddenly into mysterious new game systems manufactured in Taiwan.

I have a few questions for these experts. How many bits does real life have? Can we make those bits multiply... without using any hallucinogens? When I look at Martin's Way, how many bits am I seeing? Am I one bit, or a collection of bits? How about my clothes? Does a bit have sub-bits? How many bits to a dollar? It's eight, right? Do you know that an eighth of a dollar is 12.5 cents? Who thought that would be a good currency measure? The same people that came up with the hectare?

Ever since this dream, I've been tossing and turning, and these questions need to be answered before I can get a good solid night of processing Mario Kart data into dream-form, and playing inside my cerebrum. If you know any of these answers, especially anything concerning a hectare (not a hectacre), avoid me at all cost.

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Compiled by John Meehan '00

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Broken Lizard Comedy Troupe delivers the laughs

By Sam Evans '01
ARTS CRITIC

"Just check your problems, your world issues and your attitude at the door and prepare to laugh your ass off," said one critic of "Puddle Cruiser," the full-length feature film debut of Colgate University's Broken Lizard Comedy Group. The premiere, featured at Clinton Cinema on Monday night, attracted enough attention to fill the theatre. I did not check any of the above at the door, and went in expecting to be displeased, due to the cynical world I was in. I signed the guest book because the charismatic guy at the door offered me a free key chain, but I gave a phony email address for the fear of being put on another mass e-mail list, and pocketed the key chain. Despite my bad mood and poor expectations, I was happy to be exploring some new territory off the Hill.

As it turns out, "Puddle Cruiser" is the kind of movie that makes watching movies so damned fun, that the audience, including myself, laughed their asses off. Filmed entirely on Colgate's campus over a period of 30 days last summer, (the cheers for familiar Colgate scenes made it obvious which collegiate faction was represented by the majority), the movie depicts the antics of everyday college life through the eyes and experiences of the five-member Broken Lizard crew.

The scenes could easily be seen as transplants from your life or mine, but are portrayed by extremely talented actors and directors. They animate Seinfeld/Friends-like situations with an original and amazing sense of humor. "Puddle Cruiser" has won high marks at several prominent film festivals furthering its potentials as a successful film. With the Broken Lizard College Rodeo, a month-long, Winnebago-bound, promotional road trip underway to 20 colleges in the Northeast, the group stands to make an even greater impression on the film industry.

Campus relationships, J-Board cases, Rugby games, friends who leak information like air this movie portrays virtually every dichotomy of post Gen-X existence, plus a few more that mix things up a bit. Freaky Freddy, for example, who lurks masterfully in his realm on the mysterious far side of the mailboxes, hears all of the details of students' mail room conversations. Or Emily, who has a perfect record of sharing information that somehow leads to getting people involved in some kind of relationships. Broken Lizard does a phenomenal job of spicing up a mix of party antics, on-the-way-to-class conversations, as well as the darker and lighter side of relationships, or "college mating rituals".

The film's Director, Jay Chandrasekhar, plays Scott, a soft-spoken but witty guy struck by the frustration of getting an incomplete number from a gorgeous woman in a bar. He has only six numbers, and throughout the course of the film he tries to find the right number by trying all 80 possibilities. Its not hard to imagine the embarrassment of getting the wrong number once, twice is worse, but after several scenes at that subplot, he gets the right number and goes out for a perfect date. All is good until the scene where he tries to kiss her, and she pulls the 'ostrich neck,' a move that many males dread, but are not necessarily strangers to.

The few Hamilton students that attended the premiere described "Puddle Cruiser" as a surprisingly realistic and hysterical portrayal of a lifestyle to which we all can relate to on various levels. Within the very basic and lighthearted web of subplots, Broken Lizard interweaves the core groups of friends with the random student and the delinquent pair of partyguys with Felix Bean's girlfriend.

In one of the film's many subplots; Felix Bean, the main character, initially thinks that the girl he eyes, pursues, and eventually becomes his girlfriend, is the powerful President of Colgate Student Assembly. She isn't, but he thinks so, and he asks her all these questions that make no sense to her whatsoever, assuming that she does, in fact, govern the school. The matter comes up in lengthy conversation about three times throughout the movie. You would expect this type of hanger to be resolved, but something distracts their attention every time she is about to tell him the simple truth. The crew sweeps the issue under the rug and never deals with it, leaving you thinking, "wait a minute, he never figured it out - what's up with that?" And then you start laughing - just like that.

While Chandrasekhar, a.k.a. Dr. Nifty, plays a fairly minor role as a comical student in the movie, he has been a major moving force behind Broken Lizard's rise from a small collegiate comedy troupe to winner of the Golden Starfish Award (the grand prize of over $100,000 of filmmaking gear and services) at the Hampton's International Film Festival. "Puddle Cruiser" also made its way onto the screen as an official selection at the London International and Sundance Film Festivals. Universal-based Producer David Zucker, creator of "Airplane" and "The Naked Gun," with his brother Jerry and partner Jim Abrahams noted that "the guys of Broken Lizard remind me of the way that Jerry, Jim, and I started out doing low-budget work on movies like 'Kentucky Fried Movie.'" Chandrasekhar financed the 35mm film through a six-figure limited partnership put together by investment banker/producer Richard Perello, according to *Filmmaker,* a magazine of independent film.

Before Broken Lizard made it to the rich film market of Northeast colleges, the troupe started out like most collegiate comedy groups probably do: poor and loving what they do. Even though they're not exactly "rolling in dough" quite yet, they are reminiscent of the days of Charred Goose Beak, the Colgate University parent group that spawned Broken Lizard in the late eighties.

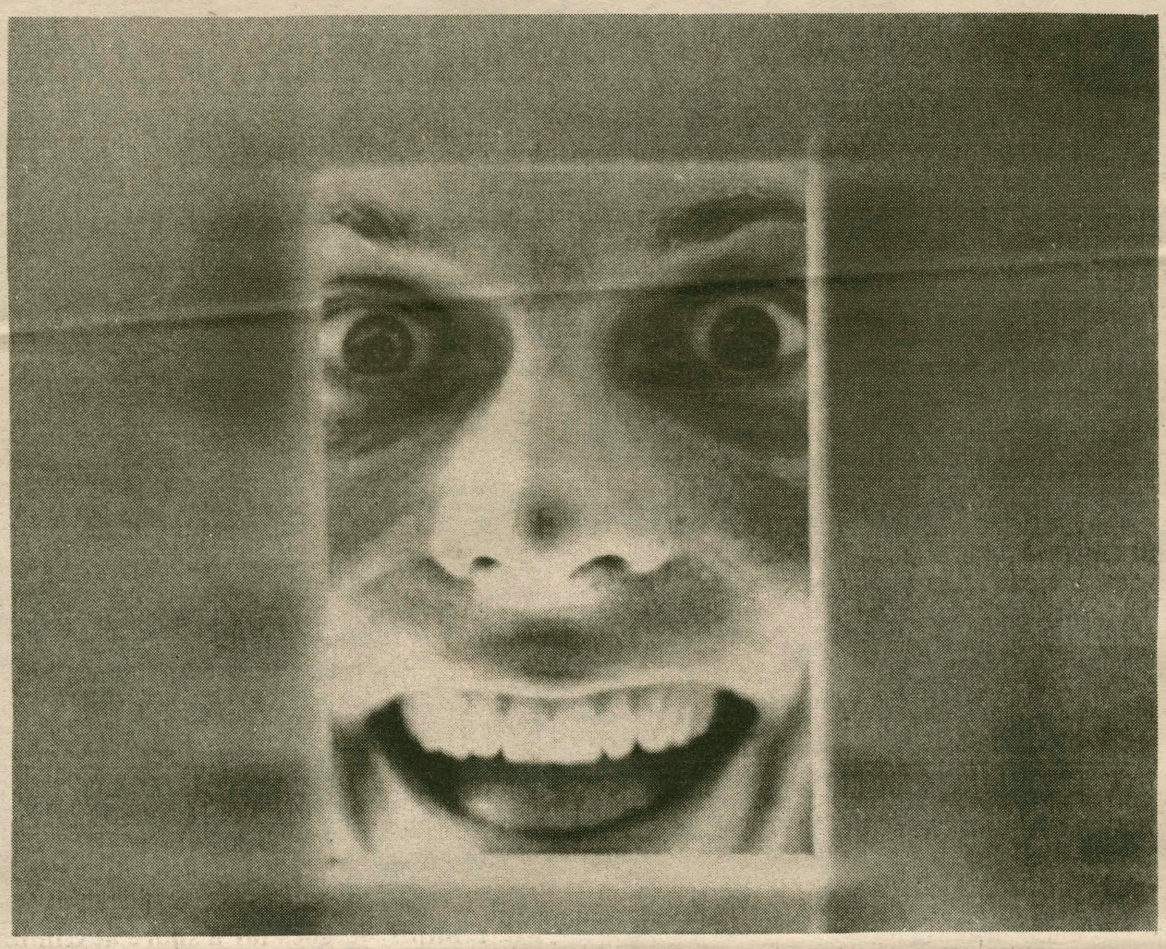
While their talent in isolating and blithely portraying the wonderful inanities of college life has earned them nods from MTV and Comedy Central, the group's core has remained much the same: five friends who like hanging out together.

Indeed, it would seem hard to imagine such a successful product emerging from a group that didn't have strong internal relationships. "It's never like we plan to write something," says member Paul Soter.

"It always comes out of screwing around together. Says member Jay Holzer, "We all talk and it goes off and becomes this thing."

This 'thing' is absolutely hilarious, and should you get the chance, get yourself off campus, go see this movie, and expect your sides to be hurting afterward.

After hitting U Mass, Amherst, Hampshire, and Smith, "Puddle Cruiser" will be back at Colgate tonight at 7:30 and tomorrow at 7:30 and 9:30 pm. It is well worth the trip.



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Freaky Reaky, played by Erik Stolhanske,at the mailbox in *Puddle Cruiser*, a new movie by Colgate's Broken Lizard Comedy Group. On Monday, the world premier played to a full house in Clinton Cinema. They will return to the area this weekend.

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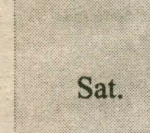

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Concerts galore in this week's calendar

SPLIT PERSONALITIES

Exploring the culture of bowling

By Peter N. Gaston '99
WEEKEND EDITOR

"If horse racing is the sport of kings, then bowling is . . . uhh . . . a very good sport as well."

Let these immortal words of one Homer J. Simpson be your guide this weekend. Hit the hardwood with us as we explore the grand game of bowling in the Mohawk Valley. What better place to escape the dreary exhaust-grayed snows of College Hill than in the warm embrace of the alley? Go where pins have nothing to do with pledging, where it's acceptable to have your head in the gutter, and where everyone's got balls to play with.

On a Friday afternoon, we joined several Hamiltonians who were enjoying the comforts of bowling at AMF's Pin-O-Rama Lanes on Genesee Street in Utica. Pin-O-Rama is a state-of-the-sport facility with automated scoring, speedy ball return, and flawless lane-side fans for snuffing out the sweaty palms that are a scourge to bowlers everywhere.

Sitting around the scorer's table were Phil Montagut '98, Mike Bumiller '99, Justin Bolstad '99, and Cat Smith '99. This quartet of avid rollers seemed at rest, in between games perhaps, but, quite plainly, an aura of intensity and passion exuded from each, suggesting a level of devotion a mere onlooker could never hope to attain.

Sensing my unfamiliarity and understanding the intimidation he evokes on the planks, Montagut sought to ease my discomfort with a lesson in the game he loves. Together, we approached the lane, and I stepped up onto the playing surface, onto the runway to greatness. I was tense to say the least, my brow damp with perspiration.

Montagut, known simply as "Blunt" around the alley, grasped my shoulder and offered his wisdom. "A lot of people say it's all about your first roll, and sometimes, if I mess up, I'm so anxious to do better that I want to reach into the ball return and grab my ball as soon as possible," he said. Engrossed in his speech, I hastily reached for the ball return, but Blunt saved me with a lightning-fast grab of my wrist. He looked at me with an expression of disappointment.

"Remember *Kingpin*," said Blunt. "Wait patiently."

I understood my teacher's approach. When the ball emerged from its subterranean travel, I lifted it from the rack and clutched it against my chest. My heart was pounding. After a deep breath, I began my approach, taking slow strides towards the foul line. I slowly pulled back my arm and began to lower my center of gravity. Sliding into position, I released my ball and followed through, letting my right leg slide behind my left to finish in the classic bowler's stance. Like the pose of a great shooter at the release of a perfect three-pointer, or the home run slugger watching his ball leave the park, I stood alone, admiring my work of art.

The deep hum of acrylic against waxed wood was all I could hear, and I looked on anxiously as my ball headed for the spot right between the one and three pins. A thunderous crash signaled contact, and the white corpses of once-standing pins scattered like the unlucky victims of a well-placed landmine. When the dust cleared, the sight of two standing pins, the seven and ten, made me groan in disgust.

I turned back toward the group, head bowed in disbelief. Bumiller offered me a beer, a seat, and consolation. "Sometimes, Peter, when I'm staring down a seven-ten split I think to myself, 'Man, I'm wasting my time. There's more to life than beer and bowling,'" said Bumiller, with the heart of a champion and the wisdom of a sage in his soft voice. "But then I see the situation at hand and realize that bowling and beer is what it's all about."

I took a long pull off of my glass and returned to the lane, inspired by Bumiller's words of encouragement. Once again, I initiated my approach and fired a rocket from right to left, nicking the right side of the seven enough to knock it around the box and into the ten. Pumping my arms in the air, trying to raise the roof of Pin-O-Rama, I celebrated my initiation into the bowler's world.

Bolstad bowled next, firing a monstrous strike. "The zone!" he shouted as he returned to his seat. "I'm in it!" I inquired about this "zone" and how one might reach it. "Simple," said the red-headed roller. "I've got a big heavy ball and a place to roll it around. My life is complete."

Smith, who actually owns her own ball complete with vinyl carrying case, also expressed the impact of the game on her life. "One time back in California I was hanging with some friends and everyone was a bit down in the dumps," Smith related. "Out of the blue, someone shouted, 'I know what'll cheer us up . . . bowling!' My life has been a living dream ever since."

Perhaps I can achieve this same sort of spiritual enlightenment through the game of bowling. With two local alleys, both serving a full bar along with access to such a regal sporting activity, I may have found the missing piece to an otherwise repetitive social calendar. I'll see you in the gutter, baby.

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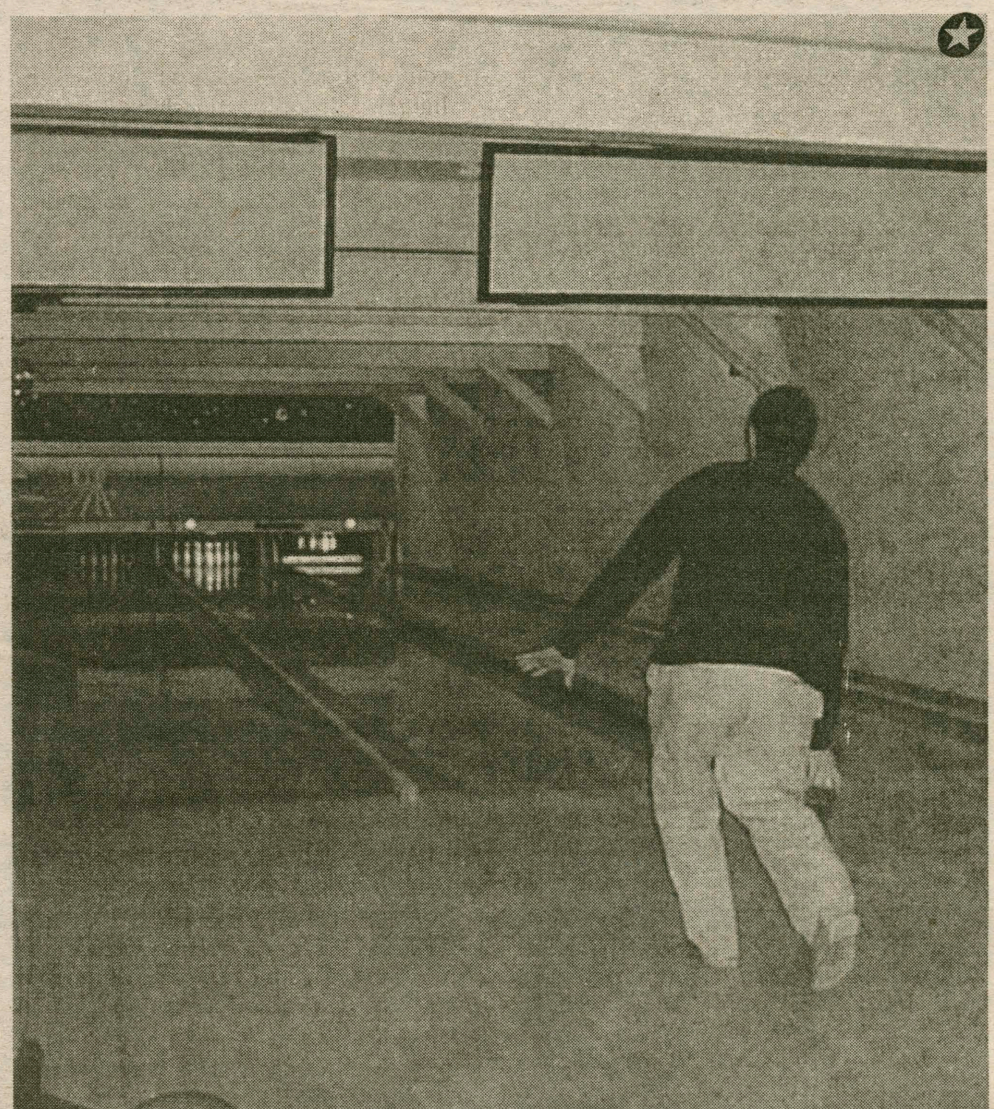


PHOTO BY PETER N. GASTON '99

Matt Smith '99 goes for a spare at Clinton Lanes last night.

Student cast delightful in production of Sondheim hit

By Jessica Hunt '01
WEEKEND STAFF WRITER

Last night at in Wellin Hall, The Department of Music presented the first of three performances of Stephen Sondheim's highly acclaimed musical, *Sweeney Todd*.

Directed by G. Roberts Kolb with choreography by Leslie Norton and set/light design by Bill Burd, *Sweeney Todd* recounts the story of a barber in nineteenth century London who returns from 15 years of exile to exact his revenge on the lecherous judge who sentenced him Sweeney Todd (Matt Williamson '99), with the help of Mrs. Lovett (Alice Muir '01), a cheerfully amoral proprietress of a meat pie shop, slits the throats of unsuspecting customers and throws them downstairs to fill Lovett's meat pies.

The barber's attempt to wreak vengeance on all mankind creates a play which *The Daily News* claims will "enrich your nightmares." A winner of the New York Critics Circle Award and eight Tony Awards out of nine nominations, *Sweeney Todd* was originally performed on Broadway with Angela Lansbury as Mrs. Lovett and Len Cariou as Sweeney Todd.

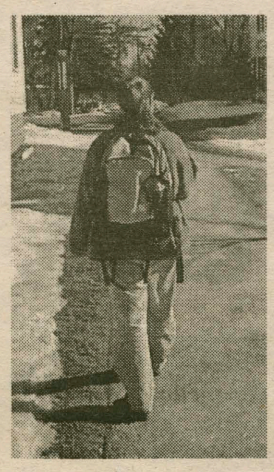
This musical thriller benefits from a stellar Hamilton College student cast, with principal roles played by Matt Williamson '99 as Sweeney Todd, Alice Muir '01 as Mrs. Lovett, Ian Fiebelkorn '01 as Anthony Hope, Amanda Phillips '99 as Johanna, Laura Nagle '99 as the Beggar Woman, David Kolb '02 as Judge Turpin, Josh Rubinger '01 as The Beadle, Tyler Hirschey '00 as Tobias Ragg, and Matt Snow '99 as Pirelli.

There will be two more performances, one tonight, February 5 at 8:00 p.m., and tomorrow, Saturday, February 6 at 8:00 p.m. For reservations or more information please call 859-4331. Don't miss the opportunity to watch the demon barber of Fleet Street seek revenge!

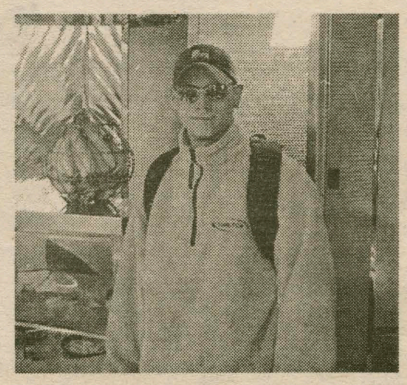
SPECTATOR FASHION

ON THE PATH . . .

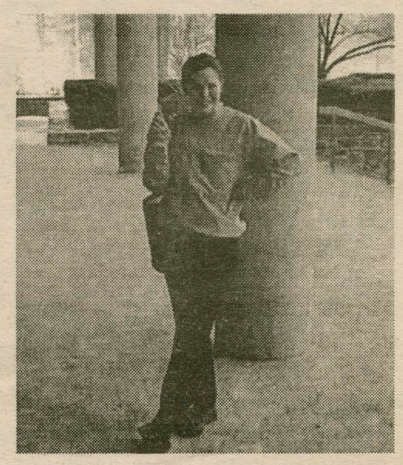
Scott Fuller '01 proudly sports his Patagonia fleece which he received as a gift last month.



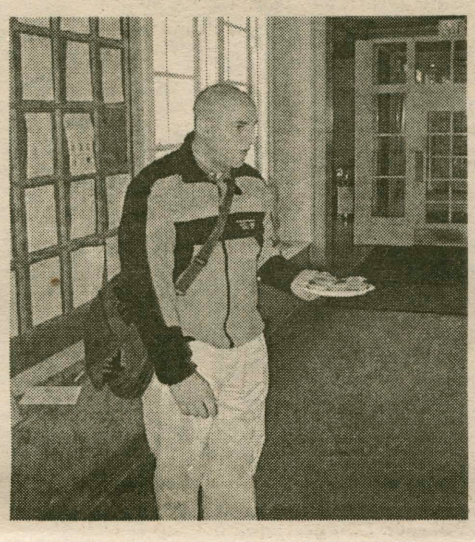
Elizabeth Hardaway '01 shows her best side, adorned with a yellow North Face bag.



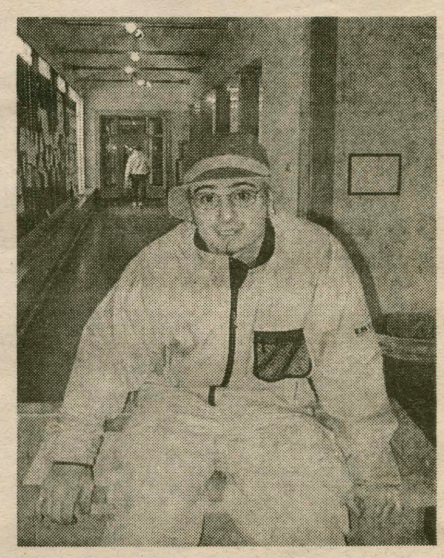
Even the Hamilton College Bookstore is capitalizing on the yellow trend. Nelson Santana '01 got his Hamilton-emblazoned fleece two weeks ago.



Katie Waltz '00 Pairs a yellow windbreaker with space boots. "My mother thinks its obnoxious," she says.



Brad Schwalm '02 is a rookie yellow jacket. He only got his Mountain Gear fleece three weeks ago.



Alumnus Tom Capo '98 wears an EBTEK winbreaker he stole from his girlfriends closet. The letter jacket of the nineties?

Sara Schonfeld '99 and Abby Barbieri '99: Sisters in yellowhood.

Ernest Kwarteng '02 shows off his LUGZ, "like love," windbreaker. "It's the color man, it's me, you seeit,' he says.

Hamilton College awash in golden sea of yellow outerwear

By Dan McAllister and Kristen McGuiness
FASHION EDITORS

The color of choice for outerwear this spring seems to be a hideous shade of yellow. Martin's Way looks like the yellow brick road. Walking through Beineke and around campus one is inundated with a saffron wave of fleece and Gortex. What are the roots of this urethral trend? How did such a color become the backbone, or exoskeleton if you will, of the spring wardrobe?

The earliest known yellow jacket on the Hamilton campus was sported by none other than the *Spectator*'s very own former editor-in-chief David Townsend '97 who was often derided during those pioneering years. Known among friends by the derogitory name "yellow fleece," David did not foresee that he was the first trickle of a golden shower of outerwear.

The first time yellow showed up on the hill en masse was in the spring of 1997 when that year's Celebrate Sexuality t-shirt was the color in question. So how did it come to be the hue of the season for a large number of Hamiltonians. No yellow clad students we encountered admitted to choosing the color because of its popularity, and many tried to play their jackets off as gifts from a well-meaning but colorblind relative. Ironically enough, one student we spoke to said the bright yellow lends him some individuality. Not on this campus, pal.

Perhaps living in such a small community leads us all to think alike, in a sort of psychic consumer wavelength. The majority of our interviewees had joined the legions of walking sunshine within the past month. Perhaps, in fact, it is the lack of sun which has caused a subconcious longing for yellow. Katie Waltz '00 said that she enjoys wearing yellow to brighten up a foggy day.

Whatever the reason, hundreds of students on this campus have opted to don yellow, often making Beineke look like a full chamber pot . There is no doubt that somewhere a Patagonia executive is laughing at us all as these jackets, when set against the snow, look like Fido's been on diuretics. While we hated it at the time, these editors shamefully admit that we long for the days of the blue North Face craze.

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Calendar

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MUSICAL. *Sweeney Todd*. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts. 8 p.m. Tickets $7.00 adults, $5.00 students/seniors, $3.00 Hamilton students. For more information call 859-4331. See preview on page 1 of the Weekend section.

FILM. *Dance with Me*. Young Cuban Rafael just buried his mother, and comes to Houston to meet his father John for the first time. The difficult part is that John doesn't know he is Rafael's father. John runs a dance studio, and everyone prepares for the World Open Dance championship in Las Vegas. It soon becomes clear Rafael is a very good dancer, and Ruby (Vanessa Williams) is the biggest hope for the studio at the championship. K-J Auditorium. 7:30 p.m.

CONCERT. God Street Wine. Styleen's Rhythm Palace, 314 South Franklin Street, Syracuse. Tickets are available at Styleen's, Soundgarden downtown Syracuse and Oliver's on the SU Hill. Call (315) 472-2665 for more information.

CONCERT. From Good Homes & Ominous Seapods. Milestones, 170 East Avenue, Rochester. Call (716) 325-6490 for information.

Saturday, February 6

STAGE. *The Meeting*. Written by Jeff Stetson, performed by the Kuumba Players. Based on a fictional meeting of Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X, the play examines the leaders' lives, both public and private lives, including their clash of tactics, ideas for the advancement of freedom, and their simple existence as human beings. Chapel, 7:00 p.m. Free and open to the general public. This event is the first of six events in the Black and Latin Student Union's Cultural Awareness Series. The series is sponsored by the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center.

COMEDY. Frank King: The Slide Show Guy. The hilarious multimedia adventures of a comedian's 2,629-day road trip prove that truth is funnier than fiction. Events Barn. 8 p.m. Sponsored by CAB.

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FILM. *Dance with Me*. K-J Auditorium. 7:30 & 10 p.m. See preview, 2/5.

Sunday, February 7

FILM. *Conceiving Ada*. The first feature length film by performance artist Lynn Hershmann Leeson. Clinton Cinema. 4:30 p.m. Tickets $4, or $2.50 for Kirkland Art Center members and students. Call 853-8871 for more information.

FILM. *Dance with Me*. K-J Auditorium. 10 p.m. See preview, 2/5.

Monday, February 8

LECTURE. Willis Hartshorn, Director, International Center fo Photography. The Dilemma

VANESSA WILLIAMS IN *DANCE WITH ME*. ON CAMPUS THIS WEEKEND. SEE 2/5 LISTING FOR DETAILS.

of Documentary Photography. This lecture explores the complex issues of how a photographic document is made and interpreted. Examining the war photography of Robert Capa, the depression-era work of Walker Evans and James Agee, and the contemporary work of Sebastiao Salgado and Eugene Richards, Willis Hartshorn discusses their methods of documentation, the ambiguities of the resultant work and the often unexpected responses of viewers and participants. In conjunction with the exhibition MAKING IT REAL. K-J Red Pit. 4:00 p.m.

FILM. *M*. Someone is murdering children in a German city. The Police search is so intense, it is disturbing the 'normal' criminals, and the local hoods decide to help find the murderer as quickly as possible. K-J Auditorium. 3 & 7:30 p.m. Presented by College 300.

Tuesday, February 9

LECTURE. Paul Simon, former United States Senator. Simon will speak on issues from his forthcoming book, *Tapped*. Chapel. 7 p.m. Sponsored by HEAG and Hamilton College Democrats.

Wednesday, February 10

CONCERT. Singphoniker. Universally hailed for their trademark full, rich ensemble sound and a joyous, spontaneous interpretive style, Singphoniker — founded in 1980 — has built a reputation among the world's premier vocal ensembles, both in concert and on numerous highly acclaimed recordings. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts. 8 p.m. For more information call 859-4331.

CONCERT. Wednesday Jazz & Blues Nights at the Little Pub. This week features the Hamilton Jazz Ensemble from 8-9 p.m., followed by "Doctuh" Mike Woods and Friends from 9-11 p.m. The Little Pub. Free, and open to public. Without Hamilton ID card, must be 18 or over.

FILM. *The Blue Angel*. Immanuel Rath, and old high school teacher, discovers that some of his pupils frequent a joint called The Blue Angel to visit a dancer, Lola Lola (Marlene Dietrich). However, Rath is destined to know Lola on a more intimate level. K-J Auditorium. 3 & 7:30 p.m. Presented by College 300.

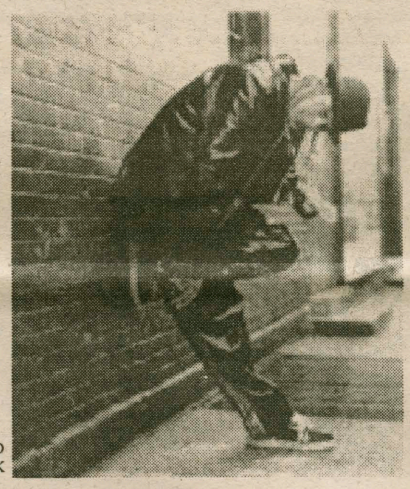
LECTURE. Vivyan Adair. Toward a Pedagogy of Engagement, Empathy, Ethics, and Activism: Breaking the Triangulation of Youth, Inexperience, and Privilege, by fostering an Understanding of Women's Poverty and Welfare Reform, at Hamilton College. Beinecke Fireplace Room. Noon. Sponsored by the Kirkland Project.

CONCERT. Tragically Hip with by divine right. Marine Midland Arena, Buffalo. Call Ticketmaster at (315) 472-0700 for more information.

CONCERT. Ladysmith Black Mambazo. Whether backing Paul Simon (not the senator) on his *Graceland* album or performing their own music, this group of vocalists leave the listener humming and ebullient. Flynn Theater, 153 Main Street, Burlington, Vermont. Call (802) 863-5966 for more information.

Thursday, February 11

OPEN MIC. Alternative Spring Break Open Mic Night. Join Alternative Spring Break and CAB for the annual Open Mike fundraiser for HAVOC's Alternative Spring Break program. This is sure to be a great showcase of amateur talent. Stop on by to support ASB for their upcoming spring break program. Events Barn. 8 p.m.



KID ROCK

CONCERT. Kid Rock. Who says white boys can't kick it? Kid Rock — whose single "I Am the Bullgod" is in heavy rotation on alternative radio — brings his blend of hip-hop and metal to Central NY. Lost Horizon, Syracuse. Tickets available locally at all Last Unicorn locations.

Coming Soon . . .

CONCERT. Bela Fleck and the Flecktones. The banjo master, bass legend Vic Wooten, and Future Man make their third visit to Hamilton in four years. Tickets for this February 15 show are already on sale at Bristol Campus center. Tickets are $10 for Hamilton students, $15 Hamilton employees, $20 general public.

MUSICAL. *Chicago*. Tickets are now available for the hit musical's one-week run in late-March at Syracuse's Crouse Hinds Theater. Call Ticketmaster at (315) 472-0700 for details.

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CONCERT. Bob Dylan with Natalie Merchant. America's musical poet returns to the region just over a year after rocking the Stanley Theater in Utica, and this time he's joined by former 10,000 Maniac Natalie Merchant. Broome County Arena, Binghamton. February 19, 8 p.m. Tickets are $25.50-$29.50 and available from Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com. Also at Marine Midland Arena in Buffalo on 2/23.

CONCERT. Korn with Rob Zombie. Perhaps 1998's best success story, Korn emerged as rock superstars, filling the void left in rock music after lukewarm receptions to albums by supposed rock champions like Smashing Pumpkins. Korn kicks it this time with Rob Zombie, the Sexorcisto himself. Broome County Arena, Binghamton. March 18, 7:30 p.m. On sale 2/6 at 10 a.m. through Ticketmaster at 607-722-7272.

CONCERT. Hard Knock Life Tour featuring Jay-Z, DMX, Method Man, and Redman. This hip-hop megatour features two hot superstars – – Jay-Z and DMX — along with veteran MCs Method Man and Redman. Pepsi Arena, Albany. March 23, 8 p.m. Tickets on sale beginning 2/6 at 10 a.m. from Ticketmaster. Also appearing at Blue Cross Arena in Rochester on 3/17 and at Marine Midland Arena in Buffalo on 3/25.

CONCERT. Goo Goo Dolls. Just three years removed from their unattended show here at Hamilton, the Goo Goo Dolls are three-time 1999 Grammy nominees and headed to Syracuse University. Goldstein Auditorium. March 30, 8 p.m. Tickets are $20 for general public or $18 if you have an SU ID. Available at the Schine Student Center on the Syracuse University Campus. Call (315) 443-2718 for more information.

CONCERT. Marilyn Manson and Hole, with Monster Magnet. This is the tour to catch in '99 as two of rock's biggest egos team up on this co-headlining extravaganza which kicks off out west in early March. Will Courtney and the Antichrist Superstar make it to their scheduled April 11 date at Buffalo's Marine Midland Arena? We'll keep you posted.

Have an event you'd like to appear in our calendar? Call 859-4100 or e-mail spec@hamilton.edu

Film Listings

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Hamilton College Vs. The Oneida Nation

At Hamilton, you pay a large markup for items you purchase at the college bookstore.	In the Oneida Nation, you don't even have to pay state and federal sales taxes. Winner: Oneida Nation
Hamilton enforces a strict alcohol policy which limits the amounts of alcohol that students over the age of 21 can possess.	The Oneida Nation enourages people over 21 to consume as much alcohol as they can at Turning Stone Casino. Winner: Oneida Nation
Hamilton College recently achieved its goal of soliciting 200 million dollars from alumni for its endowment. Winner: Hamilton College	The Oneida Nation has been trying for thirteen years to get compensation for land that was stolen from it over 200 years ago.
Hamilton College prohibits hunting, guns and all kinds of weaponry on campus.	The Oneida Nation maintains hunting grounds on its meager remaining property. Winner: Oneida Nation
Hamilton College has been blamed for the decline of many businesses in downtown Clinton.	The Oneida Nation has developed numerous plans for encouraging economic development in Upstate New York, and has brought many tourists to the area with its casino. Winner: Oneida Nation
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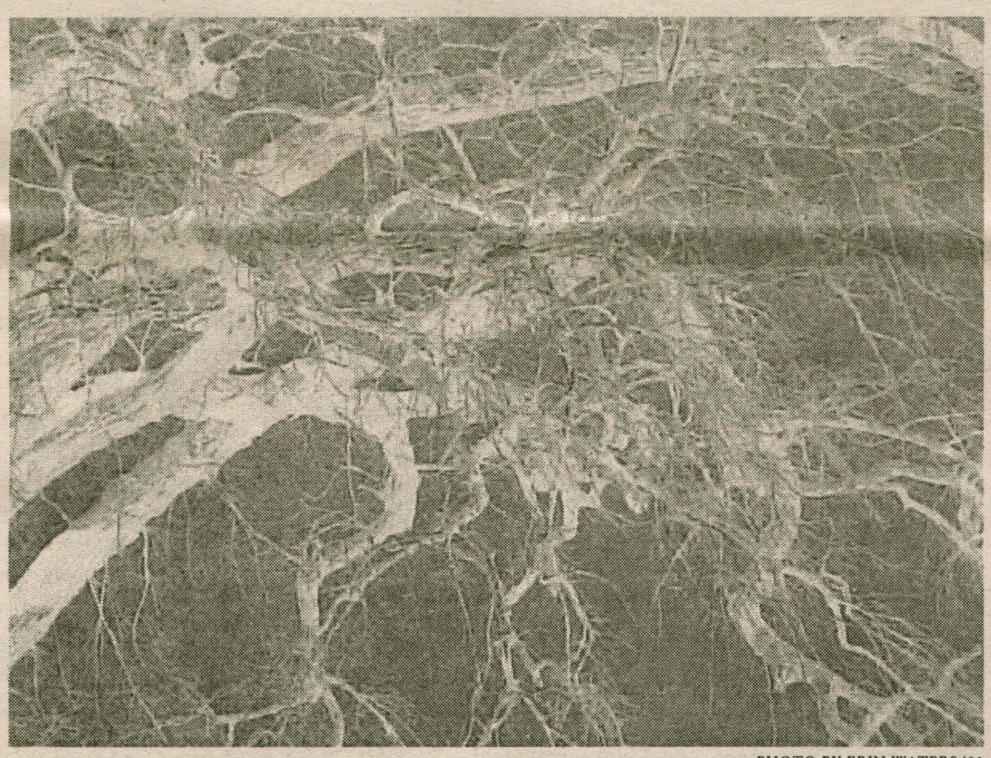

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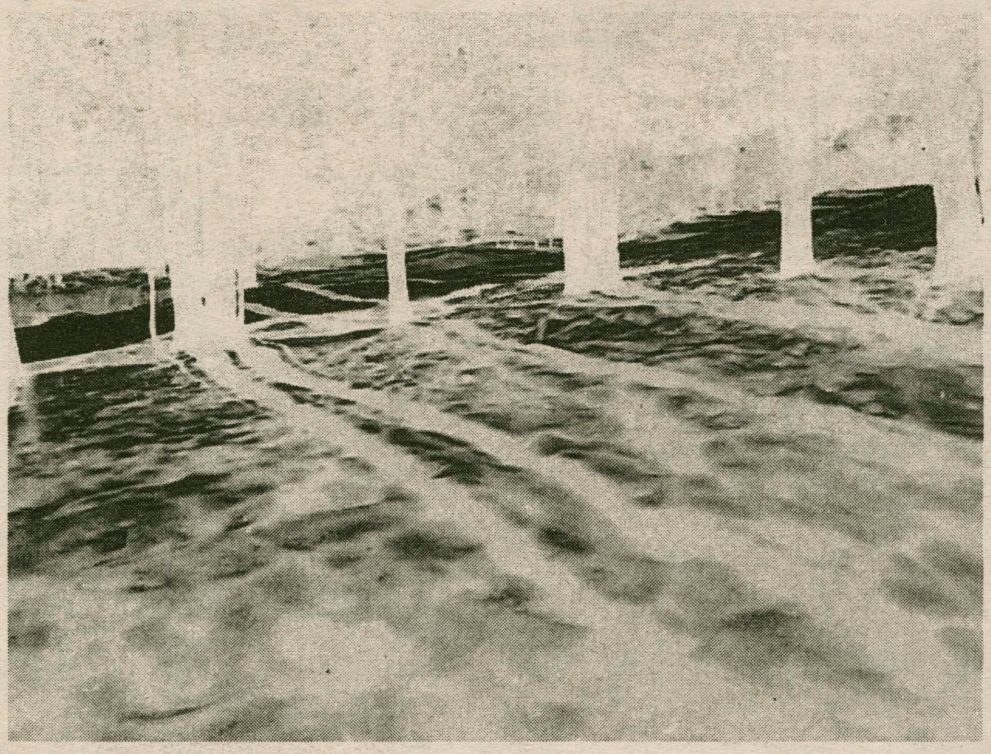
These photos are your chance to see parts of campus in ways that your eyes alone cannot. Don't be afraid, it won't be like this outside.



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A lot has changed in the last 20 years...or has it?

Compiled by Dan McAllister '99
Fashion Editor

The following is a compilation of responses to a questionnaire given to students and faculty at Hamilton 20 years ago. The respondents were asked for their opinions on issues ranging from student life to academics. All responses were made anonymously.

"Weekend social life seems to center upon getting drunk. Finding a sex partner is a secondary but important goal. Students who do not drink are almost socially crippled on weekends."

"Any diversity, if it exists, is hidden by placing such individuals on Kirkland Campus instead of integrating them in with the WASPS on the Stryker side of campus."

"Hamilton has surpassed my expectations. This school is excellent. I only hope that I graduate!"

"Another point about student life at Hamilton-it is just not 'cool' to study too much. I'm a pretty well balanced individual; I get out frequently. But, because I also devote a great deal of time to my studies and have a high GPA many people dismiss me as a 'power tool' or 'wierd' and never even bother to get to know me."

"The issue is not whether fraternities are good or bad, but rather, what is to replace them. French clubs and poetry readings won't do it. When I was 20 years old, they wouldn't have done it for me either. Intellectual and cultural moralism cannot address questions concerning an interesting social life."

"Hamilton proves that, even with incredible resources, a good faculty, intelligent students, and even some good will, you can still have a 3rd-rate college if the President really wants it."

"My wife comments this is the first place she's ever lived where she was made to feel second-class because she's female."

"Hamilton College is a nice place to visit but, I wouldn't want to live there!!"

"I'd like to see the money spent on this absurdity used for something worthwhile."

"I would rate your questionnaire as worth an 'F'."

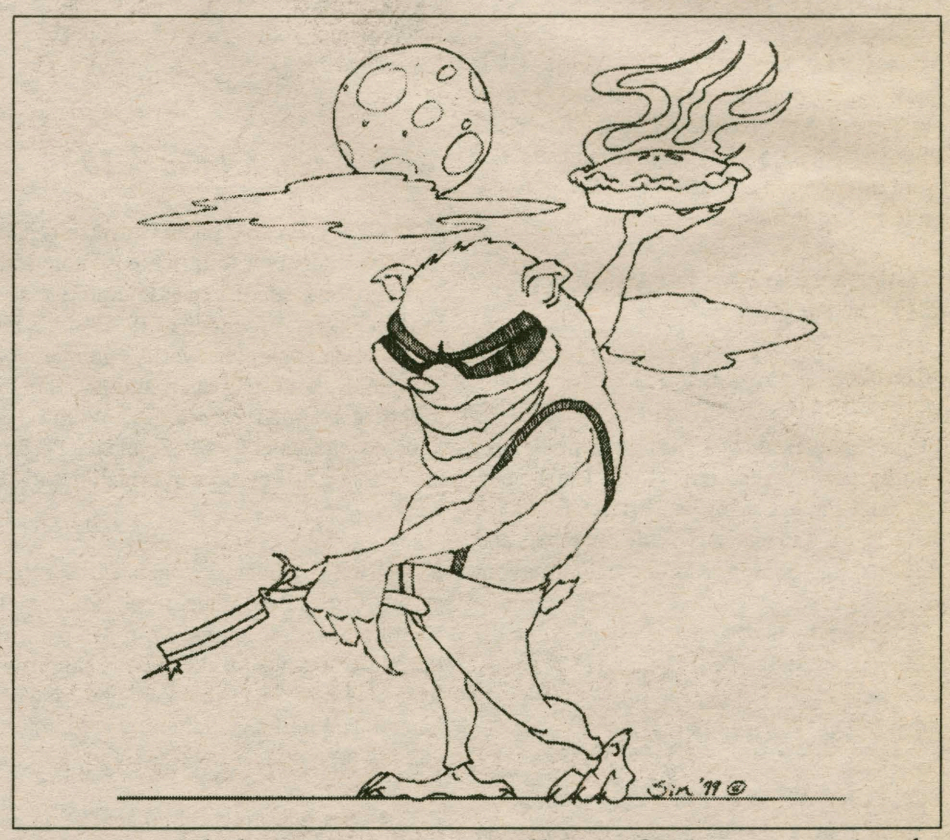
"I don't like the sudden 'revolt attitude' by many of the students on this campus. First there was Hamiltonians for Divestment. This group has a legitimate cause, but I don't like some of their methods. The things I hate the most are window paintings and shanty buildings. I want to go to a college that I enjoy looking at."

"The school needs more students, an improved social life and more girls. We have too many liberals here who cause trouble."

"Unfortunately, I have found that a large percentage of the Hamilton student body is composed of people who would rather be at a different college. This is mostly because people didn't get into the school of their choice when they were first applying. This breeds a feeling of dissatisfaction with the college and causes other people to reconsider whether they really want to be here. I think that Hamilton fails to live up to its reputation as a challenging academic institution. The courses are quite easy and cater to those students who are having the most difficulty in the class, rather than looking for a middle ground and giving extra help where needed or requested. The lack of minority students, and especially the lack of minority faculty, is appalling."

"The college has treated me well and fairly, giving me generous support and not using me as a Token Minority (well, not much-my photograph keeps appearing in the College Catalogue)."

The Leading Brand By Brandon Sim '99



Sweeney Phil, Demon Groundhog of Clinton and 2nd cousin of Punxsutawney Phil

Horoscopes

By Nobody-in-Particular
Spectator Astrologer

Aquarius
(Jan 21-Feb 19)
You will meet someone mysterious this week. Sing them your favorite Buffers' song to break the ice. If that doesn't work, kick them in the shin and run away.

Pisces
(Feb 20-Mar 20)
Open your mind to new adventures. Excitement is just around the corner at the new Circuit City in Sangertown Mall.

Aries
(Mar 21-Apr 20)
Beware of tensions with your loved ones. It might have to do with your enduring love of M.C. Hammer or your desire to impersonate Michael Jackson.

Taurus
(Apr 21-May 21)
You may feel overwhelmed and forgetful this weekend. Don't take your fleece to Bundy and expect to still have it on Monday; the *Daily Bull* is already full.

Gemini
(May 22-Jun 21)
The Blue Moon has made you a little out of sorts. It's okay if you happen to wear your underwear on your head to your 9 o'clock class.

Cancer
(Jun 22-Jul 22)
Stress will be a major factor in your moods this week. Drink decaf, stay away from sugar, ketchup, and Chilly Willy cartoons.

Leo
(Jul 23-Aug 23)
Make use of campus spaces. Sit on the sun porch in Beineke. Who cares if there is no sun ... and it's not a porch. You just might run into President Tobin.

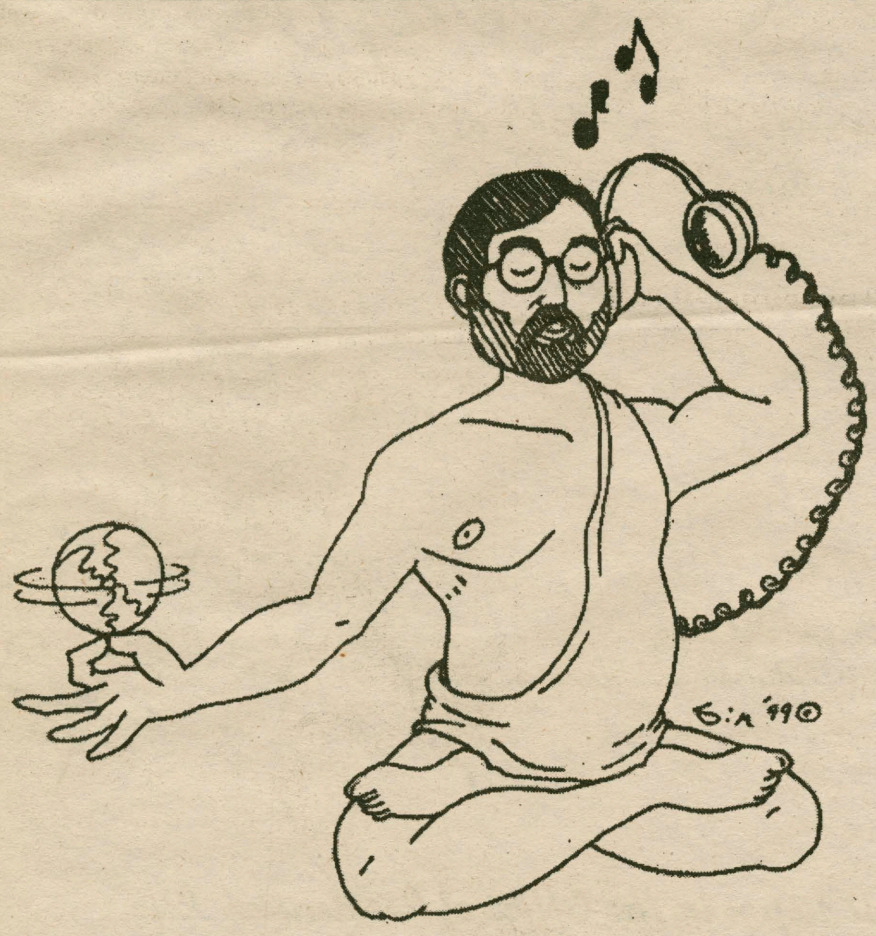
Virgo
(Aug 24-Sep 23)
Attempt to do the impossible this weekend. Dig out the Bronze Map, eat a healthy meal, find an open treadmill, and wear something no one else is wearing.

Libra
(Sep 24-Oct 23)
Five is your lucky number. Hug five people, eat five meals a day, do five jumping jacks, and you'll find yourself with five more pounds ... oops maybe three was your lucky number.

Scorpio
(Oct 24-Nov 22)
You may feel over-committed this week. Forget all your classes, the *Three's Company* marathon is more important.

Sagittarius
(Nov 23-Dec 21)
Spread some lovin' around campus. It's up to you to make everyone smiley all week. Try playing dizzy bat on the way to class.

Capricorn
(Dec 22-Jan 20)
It is going to be a long week. You may be down, but someone who cares about you is waiting to cheer you up.



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Alcohol fermentation: procuring sweet nectar

A Spec exclusive series on improving the quality of life on campus

By Karlton Bontrager '00
Copy Editor

By this time every year, Hamilton freshmen start realizing that Old Mil tastes about as good as Zima. Although switching to the golden UC is an improvement, for those interested in drinking a delicious beer and paying the same low price, read on.

About eight years ago in the quaint town of Rome, NY, Rich Berges decided to try and quench his thirst for beer and wine with his own creative concoctions. Rather than buying expensive microbrews and attending various wine tastings (the details of which are, inevitably, forgotten by the end of the night), he founded Bottom of the Barrel, a home brew supply shop. This enabled him to attempt to replicate his favorite beers and wines and even try to improve on them.

Incidentally, brewing a well crafted beer requires little time and effort at all. The list of ingredients is sparse: hops, malt, water, and yeast. Additional ingredients are needed only to alter the flavor, character, or aroma of the finished product.

With the proper equipment, the actual brewing process takes less than two hours and is completed in two basic steps: boil the ingredients together (with the exception of the yeast), and let the resulting mixture, called wort, sit in a bucket with the yeast for one to two weeks. ....Sam Adams for the price of the Beast.

As simple as brewing the first batch of beer can be, subsequent batches can be modified to any complexity. An experienced brewmaster can experiment by changing variables, such as adding fruits or honey, substituting malts, or even increasing the alcohol content.

Both the internet and Charlie Papazian's *The Home Brewer's Companion* are great sources from which to learn, both offer recipes and advanced techniques to further improve upon the quality of batches.

Like Berges, Canute Dalmasse '02 is a home brew devotee. At the tender age of sixteen he realized that it was easier to make his own beer than to find a willing participant to purchase alcohol for him illegally (you law abiders, fear not, Dalmasse understands that alcohol consumption is illegal under the age of twenty-one; in fact, the batches he crafted have always been presents to his father). It is completely legal for any minor to purchase beer ingredients as the components have not yet fermented and therefore lack alcohol.

Canute claims that "since the beer I was bootlegging cost less and apparently tasted better than the swill I rarely could get, I decided to turn to moonshine as a lifestyle."

Even without a guide, advanced brewing can be fun and effortless. Chris Kostow '99, an avid homebrewer likens the process to cooking.

"I've always loved cooking and experimenting with new flavors. I brew beer the same way; each is unique and is a product of great craftmanship. Oh, and the fact that homebrews average about six percent alcohol is an added asset."

Indeed, why settle for a Bud that has half the amount of alcohol than the tastier, better crafted beer?

For those that are intrigued by such potential gourmet brews, simply pay a visit to Bottom of the Barrel. With a wide assortment of equipment and ingredients, Rich can help any brewer purchase the proper supplies, from novice to brewmaster.

Call him at (315) 339-6744 and he will gladly assist you in beginning your first batch of beer or wine. You never know, you may be quite a talented brewmaster without ever being aware.

There are no limits to the potential success of quality home brewing. Your liver, however, does have limits, so don't get too carried away. So remember, have fun and drink responsibly.

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK FOR NEXT WEEK'S INSTALLMENT OF THIS SPECTATOR EXCLUSIVE:

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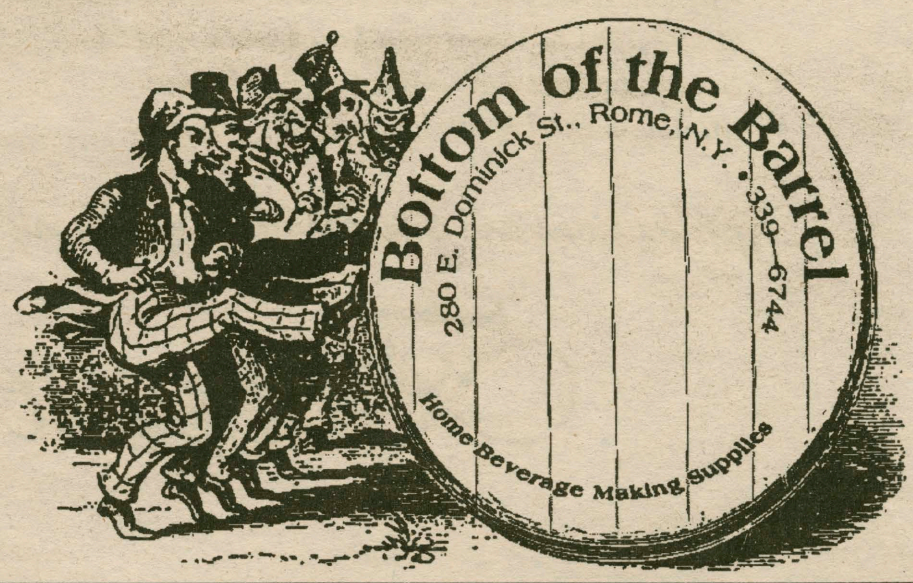

A Civil Action lacks the luster of courtroom drama

By Matt Olney '01
Movie Critic

Imagine *A Few Good Men* without Tom Cruise putting Jack Nicholson on the stand, or Sidney Lumet's *The Verdict* without a final verdict. Picture *The Rainmaker* without its dramatic and satisfying ending. A courtroom drama without an exciting, emotional ending can be uninteresting and boring. That is the case with *A Civil Action*. Despite some fine acting, an involved plot, and an apparent climax, the ending disappoints viewers.

John Travolta plays Jan Schlichtmann, an actual Boston lawyer who takes time out of his ambulance-chasing personal injury cases to involve himself with a much larger case after Ann Anderson (Kathleen Quinlan) contacts him. Anderson, a resident of Woburn, MA, believes her son died of leukemia, caused by contaminated drinking water. She wants representation in order to get an apology from the company that is responsible for contaminating the water. Schlichtmann ignores the case until he finds out that W.R. Grace and Co. and Beatrice Foods, two large American Corporations, are the allegedly guilty parties. Seeing a large payoff, he and his firm jump on the case. The companies have so much to lose that Schlichtmann, who is used to sweet-talking defendants into coughing up huge settlements, can't bring himself to resolve the case out of court, even after one of the companies makes an offer. The case drags on, and Schlichtmann's firm finds itself facing bankruptcy. He must then make a decision whether to take the case farther and risk losing everything.

Uncharacteristic of a courtroom drama, there is little emotion in the movie. David Thornton brings some feeling as a father in mourning over the loss of his son to leukemia. William H. Macy provides some amusement as the "credit-card expert" partner of Schlichtmann who tries to keep the firm from going bankrupt. Robert Duvall, excellent as always, plays the sneaky and smart defense lawyer who hides during lunchtime and religiously follows his Boston Red Sox. It would be a shame for him not to receive an Oscar nomination (especially after he was robbed of the statuette last year for his performance in *The Apostle*).

Travolta's performance is dull, and his character is compassionless and uninteresting, and his transformation from the heartless personal-injury lawyer to the caring, humane supporter is only faintly evident. I found myself neither rooting for him nor against him, and as the film progressed, I cared less whether he won or loss. I was looking for more emotion and a satisfying ending, both of which I never saw.

Overall, the first hour of the film is engaging and interesting. Could the sleazeball, money chasing shark grow a heart or would he be outsmarted and overpowered by the experienced defense lawyers? This becomes less of an issue as the film progresses, and the focus changes to the seemingly imminent bankruptcy of the firm.

I would suggest you read the best selling book on which the film is based before you hit the theaters. I recommend *A Civil Action* for an enticing first hour and worthy acting, but there are other films I would go to see first.

A Civil Action **B-**

Rated PG-13. Playing at Sangertown Square.
Showing: 12:30, 3:35, 6:50, 9:35

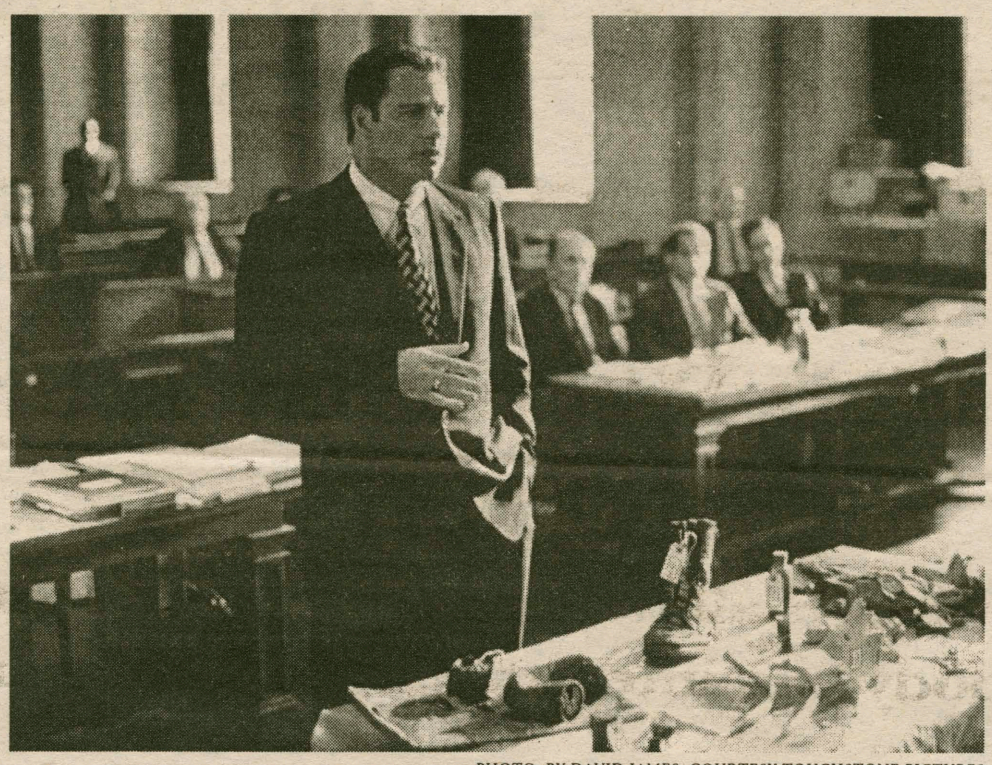

PHOTO BY DAVID JAMES, COURTESY TOUCHSTONE PICTURES

John Travolta prosecutes two large companies in a can't lose personal injury lawsuit in the real life dramatization, *A Civil Action*. A sudden twist, however, puts his career and firm in financial jeopardy.

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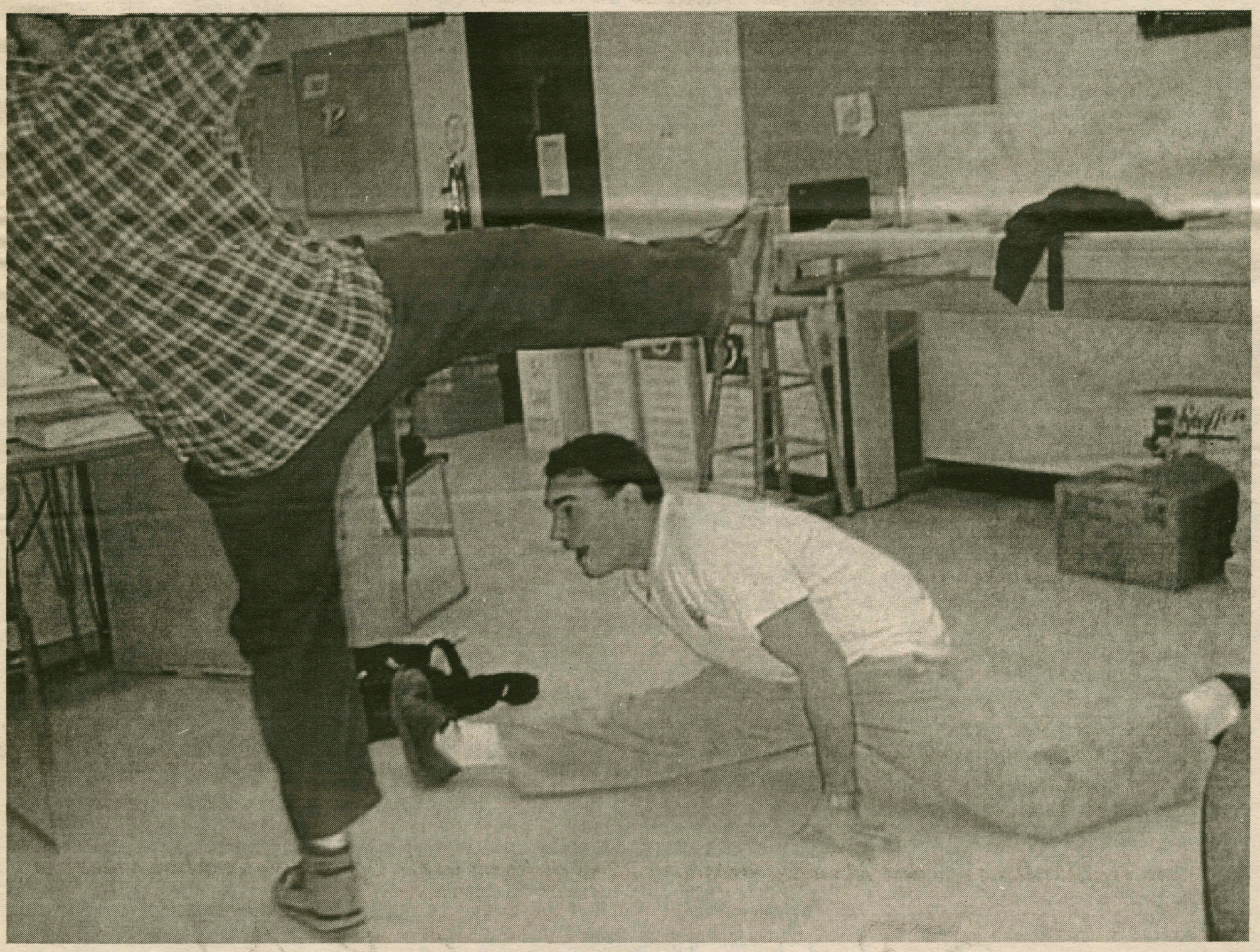

PHOTO BY HEATHER OBLEMAN

In an incredible show of athleticism and agility, young martial artist James O'Shaughnessy aka 'Jimmy-Ballgame' avoids a roundhouse from fellow editor, Ben Zoll. Luckily, the aspiring journalists warmed-up before this display with a game of Spectator soccer. To say the least, the night's activities were lively!

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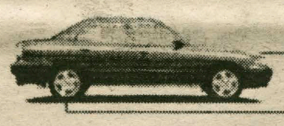

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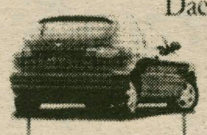

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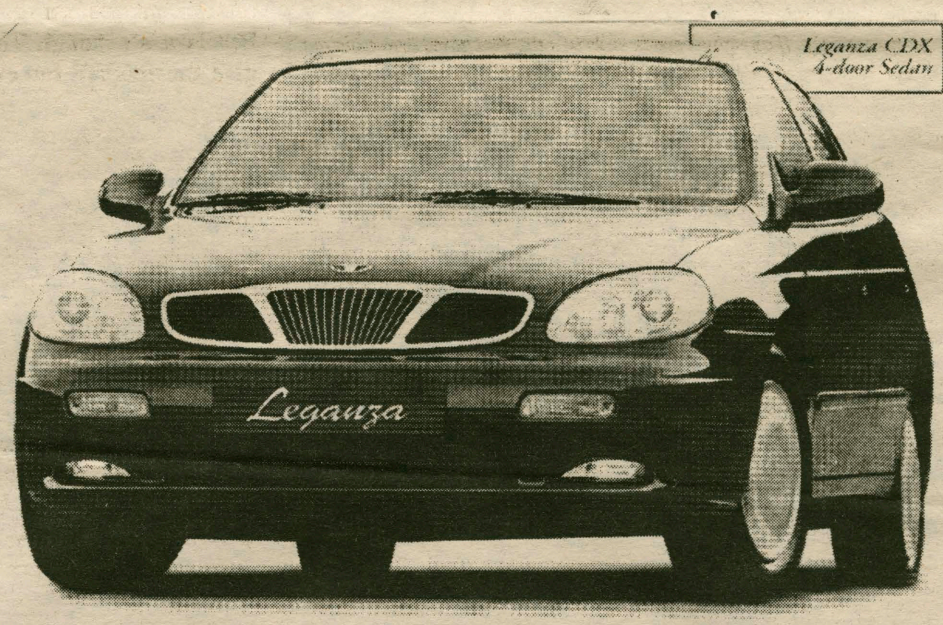

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Sat. Feb 6	@ Salem St. 3 pm	vs. North Country 3:30 pm	@ Renssellaer 2 pm	Amherst 3 pm	@ Amherst 3 pm		@ Mt. Holyoke noon	@ Colgate 11 am	@ Colgate 11 am
Sun. Feb 7						Bates 4 pm			
Mon. Feb 8									
Tues. Feb 9		vs. Union 7 pm		@ Hobart 8 pm	@ William Smith 6 pm	@ Colgate 5 pm	@ Colgate 5 pm		
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Thur. Feb 11									
Fri. Feb 12		Skidmore 7:30 pm		Trinity 7:30 pm	@ Trinity 7:30 om				

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Colorado at Detroit 2/5	Red Wings	Red Wings	Avalanche	Avalanche
Carolina at Washington 2/5	Capitals	Capitals	Capitals	Hurricanes
San Jose at LA Kings 2/6	Kings	Kings	Sharks	Sharks
Colorado at Dallas 2/7	Stars	Stars	Stars	Stars
NBA				
Houston at LA Lakers 2/6	Lakers	Rockets	Lakers	Rockets
Minnesota at San Antonio 2/6	Spurs	Spurs	Timberwolves	Spurs
Miami at NY Knicks 2/7	Knicks	Knicks	Heat	Heat
Utah at LA Lakers 2/7	Lakers	Lakers	Jazz	Lakers
NCAA Basketball				
UConn at Stanford 2/6	Huskies	Cardinal	Huskies	Cardinal
Auburn at Tennessee 2/6	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers
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Not so Superbowl

Dave Bolger

A View from the Bleachers

Call me un-American for saying so if you'd like, but the Super Bowl ain't so super. I usually don't feel this way about "the big game" but this year's game has left a rotten taste in my mouth.

As is common in this country, especially in sports, the hoopla surrounding the event has become bigger and more important than the actual event. What was once Super Bowl Sunday has now become Super Bowl Week. Networks set up camp and begin live remote coverage the instant the two teams win their conferences.

The media frenzy that surrounds the Super Bowl is ridiculous. They actually have a day called "Media Day" set aside so the players can talk to the media.

Call me crazy but I think I recall, oh I don't know, several hundred interviews before and after this so-called media day. This special day for the men and women armed with microphones and cameras has become so big that there are media people present just to cover, what else, the media.

Picture this, John Elway is at the podium, answering retirement question number four thousand and two with hundreds of cameras and boom mics pointed at him and a few dozen cameras pointed at the cameras pointing at the cameras pointing at Elway. Sound crazy? Well, it is.

While we're talking about coverage, we must talk about FOX. Some genius in programming figured that the week long commercial that has been going on for the Super Bowl wasn't enough. This person decided to give the football fan everything he or she could want.

A full day of pre-game coverage. Starting at 4am or some moronic early hour, FOX Sports took to the air with their special pre-game show. And what great little nuggets of entertainment they provided.

I must say, seeing Jason Priestly taking in the Miami nightlife is just what I need to get ready for football. And Jennie (not Jeanie any more) Garth answering football trivia questions! Non-stop entertainment.

I must admit, having seen the many ads FOX was running to promote its marathon pre-game show, I was a little excited to see some of the show. It boasted a "behind-the-scenes look at the Super Bowl." Behind-the-scenes?

So we're going to see what really goes on in the locker room right? They're going to show us how players prepare for the big game right? Wrong. All we got to see was players shop for luggage and sign autographs.

Perhaps even more useless than FOX's pre-game are the on the field shows. Usually held to the traditional half-time show, Super Bowl XXXIII introduced to use the pre-game concert when Kiss took the field.

At first I was at a loss for words while watching the painted geriatric rockers. But then one thought came into m head—Vince Lombardi is turning over in his grave. It did seem as if Kiss was actually singing however and I at least took pleasure in that. I was happy to see that the are actually trying to perform up there.

That was until the end of their song when one band member pretended (at least I hope he was pretending and not unsuccessfully trying) to smash his guitar. Another thought came to me—is there going to be an actual game anytime soon?

Much of the same lame entertainment was provided during the half-time show. But at least the extended half-time serves a purpose—bathroom break!

Its been the joke for years now that the commercials are usually better than the game. People claim they go to the can during the game and watch during the commercials. Well this year people found that anytime was a suitable time to go because both the game the commercials were terrible.

Advertising during the Super Bowl has become so big that companies this year forked over almost 2 million dollars for a thirty second spot. Now why would you shell out that much money only to produce a lame ad? In the past, the conversation around the water cooler the morning after the game was what the best commercial was.

This year I'm hard pressed to remember more than one or two. It was a pleasant surprise to learn the Bud frogs could talk.

AP Photo/Ronen Zilberman

And the two guys asking for paper and not plastic was funny, but after that? Of course I must admit my eyes were glued to the tube during the Victoria's Secret commercial—that was quality advertising. Since this is the sports section, I must talk some about the game. It stunk.

Strange pre-game rituals

Athletes are superstitious. We know this. Some guys put their uniform on the same way every game. Some listen to a certain types of music before a game. John Wetteland had his hat with the Yankees. Wade Boggs eats chicken. Eugene Robinson likes...oral sex?

It takes a special kind of idiot to do what Robinson did last Saturday night. For most, the night before the biggest game of your life is a time to relax. Get rest. Go over the game plan. Not a time to get a hooker. Especially when your wife and kids and entire extended family are around.

Maybe this is a pre-game ritual that Robinson goes through every game. Judging from his performance, one would tend to think that not getting what he set out to get Saturday was detrimental to his game.

People will claim that Robinson let his teammates down with his actions. They'll say he let his coaches down. They'll even have the nerve to say he let the fans down. What he did was he let hi nself down and most importantly he let his family down. That's a bigger deal than any football game.

The Spectator Athlete Spotlight: Jen Moran '99

By Andy Berman '01
SPORTS WRITER

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

This past Saturday, senior Jen Moran became one of only five women in Hamilton College history to score 1,000 points in her career. The milestone came on an 18 foot jumper with just over five minutes to play in Hamilton's 68-44 loss to Bates College. The crowd gave Moran a standing ovation as friend, suite-mate and woman's basketball manager Angela Crosby '99 announced the accomplishment. Moran came into the game needing 16 points to hit the 1,000 point mark. Everyone on the bench knew how many points she needed, and so did everyone at the scorers table and her parents sitting in the stands. Perhaps the only person in the gym who didn't know was Moran herself, who didn't want to know how close she was.

The 1,000 point plateau was something she came close to in high school, falling only 62 points short. So 1,000 points in college meant a little something extra to her. "It was important because I wasn't able to accomplish that in high school," Moran said when asked about coming so close at Leonia High School in New Jersey.

Coach Julie Diehl, Hamilton's career leader in points scored and rebounds, called it "a super accomplishment, " and continued by saying that "Jen is so tough to stop because she can score both inside and outside."

Her fellow teammates were quick to sing her praises, especially as the unequivocal leader of the team. "Jen is a dedicated hardworking player, and she is an all around team leader, both on the floor and behind the scenes," said Brenna Chiaputti '02, "She inspires everyone." Fellow co-captain Liz Sadler added "Jen is the person that keeps our team together and our intensity up." The other striking thing Moran's teammates and coach said about her was her importance to the entire program, not just this year, but for her entire career. Diehl noted, "Jen has been the leader of the program for the last four years and for the last two she has carried the team offensively. When Jen decides to score, she can." Sadler expressed the same sentiment when she said "Jen has been women's basketball for the last four years."

Perhaps the best part for Moran was that her parents were able to attend the game. "It was important that my family was there, it was the only game they could come to." Moran was also happy that she scored her thousandth point at home in the friendly confines of Margaret Bundy Field House.

Despite the Lady Continentals (1-13) struggles this year, Moran remains a shining star. When asked if she was frustrated with her team's performance she said "It's hard because we lack experience, but next year they will have four players that have played together." She continued by expressing her happiness at reaching the 1,000 point mark despite the poor record, "It means a lot tha I was still able to reach a personal goa despite the difficulties the team has had."

As a freshman, Moran averaged 13.9 points, 5 rebounds and 3 assists per game while garnering second team all UCAA honors. As a sophomore she averaged 10.9 points a game and was again named second team all UCAA. Her junior year she scored 9.3 points per game and led the team in assists. This year, she is the team's second leading scorer, averaging almost 12 points per game and leads the team in steals, assists and rebounds. Jen Moran truly has been Hamilton Women's Basketball for the last four years.

In scoring one thousand points last Saturday night, senior Jen Moran joined a select group of Hamilton women's basketball alumni. Here is a look at:

Hamilton Women's Basketball 1000 career point scorers

(Coach) Julie Diehl	1451 points
Melissa Hart	1376 points
Julie Sheldon	1316 points
Sarah Feyerherm	1057 points
Jen Moran*	1010 points

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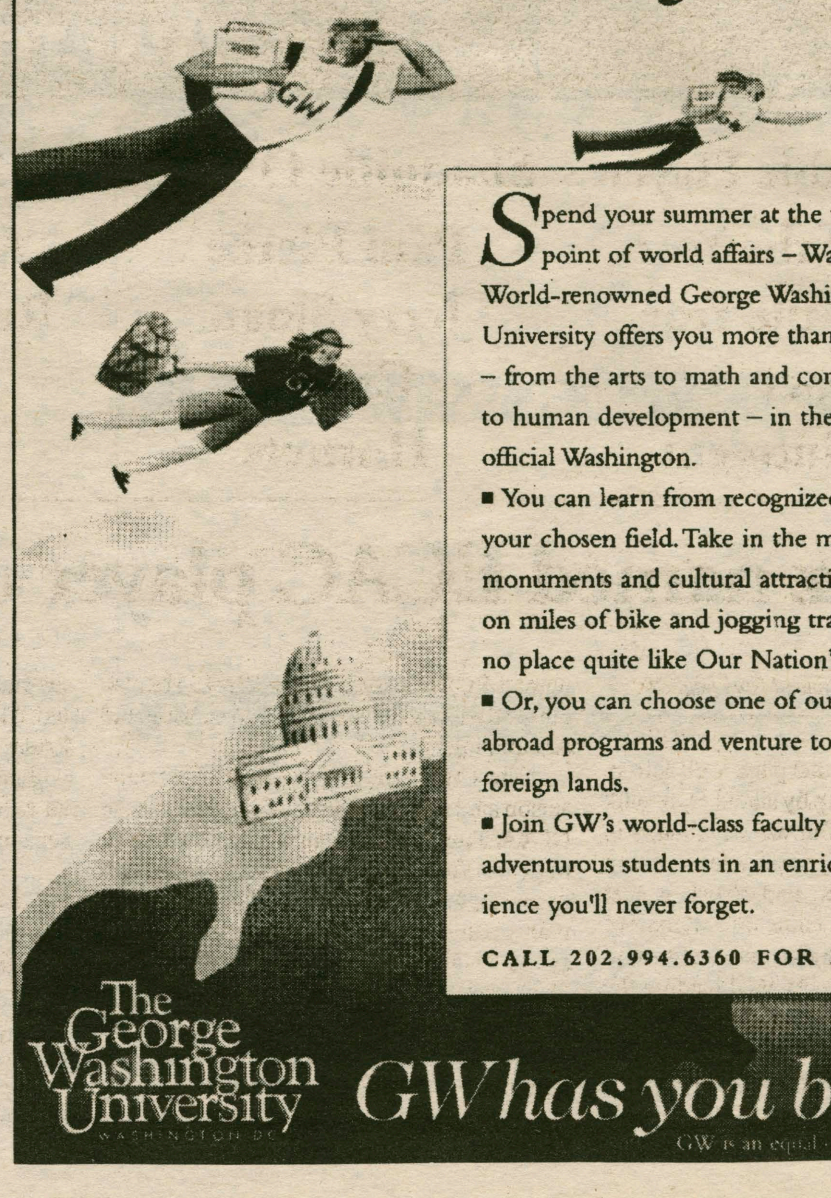

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Midwest	Jazz	Rockets	Rockets
Pacific	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Conference Champions			
Eastern	Pacers	Hawks	Pacers
Western	Jazz	Lakers	Lakers
NBA Champion			
Champion	Pacers	Hawks	Lakers
Awards			
Most Valuable Player	Shaquille O'Neal	Scottie Pippen	Patrick Ewing
Rookie of the Year	Paul Pierce	Antawn Jamison	Vince Carter
Coach of the Year	Jerry Sloan	Rudy Tomjanovich	Larry Bird
Sleeper	Celtics	Cavaliers	Pistons
Dissapointment	Hornets	Sonics	NBA

Schantz named ECAC player of week for fourth time

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traught Murphy. "We did play well late in the game, but we were up by about eight with over two minutes left, but we were lucky to win that game. We had a good defensive stop on the last possession, and it was a real positive to win a close game on a defensive stop for a change, rather than on a last second shot." Schantz played very well leading the way with 27 points and 17 rebounds. Schmiegel added 19 points, and Johnson scored 11 points, including the game winner. For the fourth time this season, Schantz was named ECAC Player of the Week. He also currently leads the NESCAC in scoring and rebounding.

The Continentals now stand 11-4 on the season and are in jeopardy of not making the NCAA Tournament. This weekend will be a huge test for the team. Two victories would be crucial for the team's confidence, but they won't come easy. Friday's opponent, Trinity, is 11-1 and ranked number two in the Northeast, while Amherst, who the team plays Saturday, is 11-4, ranked number 5 in the Northeast and has beaten perennial powerhouse Williams twice this season.

"We have to play our best basketball of the year to beat Trinity and Amherst," admitted Murphy. "Amherst is not playing on Friday and will be well rested for their game with us. It won't be easy for us, and we have an extremely tough schedule the rest of the season."

"Trinity has the same front-line as they did last year, but their guards are different," added Schmiegel. "We match up pretty well with them, but it will take a group effort to beat them. I don't know who they've been playing this year, but we haven't played our best basketball of the year yet. If we start to click this weekend, we have a good chance of winning."

Schantz, who continues to make a very strong case for Division III Player of the Year, is thrilled to be playing at home for the first time since January 16th. "We need to come out with intensity and emotion. I'm looking forward to this weekend because it's nice to be home after a long road trip. We played reasonably well on the road going 5-2, but who wouldn't want to be 7-0? I think we would have liked to do better, but hopefully we can put together a couple good games this weekend."

Men's Track places third in weekend meet; Colgate next

By Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend the men's indoor track team placed third in a home meet against Alfred University, SUNY Brockport, SUNY Geneseo, and Hartwick College. Alfred won the meet with 177 points.

Hamilton struggled in the field events against strong competition. In the 35 lb. weight throw, Jeffrey Needham '00 finished first with a throw of 13.95 m., and Dan Cooney '00 finished seventh with a throw of 10.65 m. In the shotput, Cooney finished sixth and Needham finished thirteenth with throws of 12.32 m. and 9.78 m.,respectively. In the pole vault Andy Inglis '01 finished fourth with a vault of 3.05 m. In the high jump, Josh Cooper '00 and Erik Johnson '01 finished third and eighth respectively, with jumps of 1.78 m. and 1.52 m. In the long jump Walt Sosa '00 and Cooper finished first and second with jumps of 6.45 m. and 5.84 m., respectively. Sosa said, "It was another subpar jump for me. I got hurt in the prelim's of the 55 m. dash and therefore did not race in the finals."

The team fared best in the distance events. Mac Weiss '02 won the 5,000-m. run in a time of 16:09.99. In the 1,500-m., Scott Taylor '01 won the race with a time of 4:12.56. In the 1,000 Sam Brown '01 and Seth O'Bryan '01 finished first and third with times of 2:37.90 and 2:45.76.

Brown's time qualified him for the State Championships and the ECAC Championships. "I felt that the team did very well," Brown said, "We had some better competition, which helped everyone improve."

In the 800-m. run, Phil Jennings '99, Joe Button '99, Ryan Murelli '02, and Jeff Garte '00 finished second, third, sixth, and tenth with times of 2:01.91, 2:04.03, 2:10.14, and 2:14.32. In the 3,000-m. Ned Marcalus '02 finished eighth with a time of 10:15.4. In the 500-m. run Doug Zeyak '02 and Karl Bressler '01 finished second and fourth with times of 1:12.71 and 1:13.26. In the 400-m. dash Evan Fowler '02 and Dave Salmon '01 finished fourth and eighth, respectively, with times of 55.70 seconds and 1:00.92. In the 200-m. dash Johnson and Tony Coudert '01 finished ninth and twelfth with times of 26.43 and 27.43 seconds, respectively.

In the 55-m. hurdles, Cooper and Johnson finished second and third with times of 8.55 and 8.66 seconds. In the 55-m. dash Coudert finished tenth with a time of 7.6 seconds. Sosa's injury after the prelim's cause him to be a scratch for the finals.

In the 4x400 m. relay Hamilton placed third with a time of 3:48.65. In the 4x800 m. the team placed first and fourth with times of 8:24.41 and 8:50.58.

Ben Eckstein '01 said that the team "had some fairly strong performances yesterday, but the large number of injured and sick team members cost us the win. With a fully healthy squad, I think we would have easily come out on top."

This weekend travels to Hamilton, NY for a meet at Colgate. Sosa said of the meet, "I think we're all looking forward to Colgate where there will be a lot of competition from the five or more Division one schools that will be there. In addition to that their spikable track should prove useful in improving performances. Look out for a lot of PR's at Colgate this weekend."

Willliam's Ephs ends Continental three game winning streak

By Nikie Sarris '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's hockey team has continued to hold their own on the ice. They brought home a win against Trinity last Friday, skating off the ice with a 4-0 victory. Kathleen Lubin '01, Meghan Stasz '01, Lauren Spoon '01, and Nell Solley '02 all slammed in goals for Hamilton. Solley's goal was the first of her career which the entire team seemed to enjoy. "Eveyone was excited," Solle stated.

Coach Susan Reece was happy with the game, but stressed there is still room for improvement. She said, "We played well, moved the puck, and created many opportunities for ourselves. We still need to work on finishing." Maggie Sayer '02 added, "We had a lot more skill than they did so the score should have been higher."

Trinity did put up a fight for a while, and co-captain Lydia Heenan '99 praised their goalie for a great game. In the end however, it was Hamilton who came out on top. "It was great to beat Trinity - it was our third win in a row. And this win helped us get closer to post-season play," Solley remarked.

Hamilton was not as lucky against Wesleyan on Saturday, as they lost 4-1. The Continentals skated hard to open the game and found themselves tied 1-1 after the first period. Hamilton's score came from Heenan, who scored the first goal of her four year career. "It was nice to end that period tied," she said of the goal.

After three Wesleyan second period goals, Hamilton trailed going into the third. Despite playing well in the third period, neither team scored and the game ended with Hamilton on the losing end. It was a pretty even match-up with Hamilton dominating in the third period, but no one could finish off a shot.

Reece kept things in perspective, "Unfortunately, we had a few shifts in the 2nd and Wesleyan capitalized on our mistakes. Wesleyan is a very good team, and I'm happy with the way we played in two of the three periods. We need to work on putting 3 great periods together."

Men's Ice Hockey prepares for stretch run

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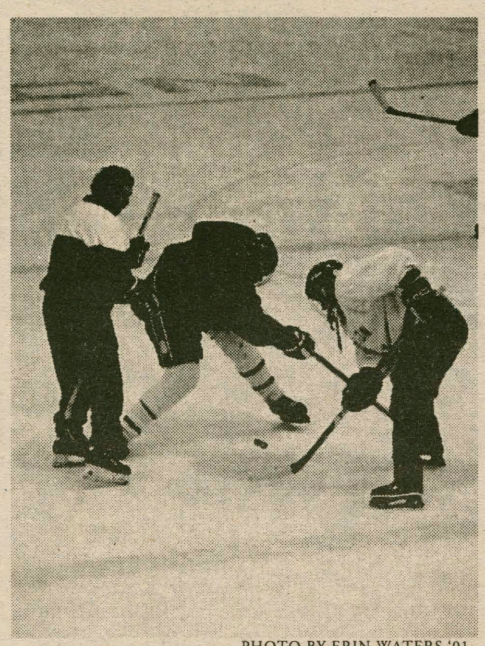
need to win all six games." If Hamilton is to have success in the post season now is the time that this team needs to make its run. In the ECAC eastern division, of which Hamilton is a part of, four points separate the tenth place team, Hamilton, and the fifth place team, Middlebury. In terms of the ECAC tournament only the top ten teams make the tournament, so currently Hamilton is right on the bubble. So, there is a lot at stake over the last six games of the regular season, four of which are at home.

This weekend Hamilton finishes off its road schedule with games at Southern Maine on Friday and Salem State on Saturday. Then Hamilton has a huge game against Middlebury, the defending national champions, on Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 at the Sage. This game was rescheduled because of a snowstorm that occurred when the teams were scheduled to play over winter break. Coach Grady commented about the Middlebury game, "we beat them here two years ago, they beat us at their place last year, so I look at it as being our turn to win!"

In terms of injuries the Continentals expect to have everyone back this weekend, including junior Mark Warcup, who has been out most of the season with a shoulder injury and then injuring his knee. In addition freshman Dean Scherza injured his shoulder in Friday night's game against New England, but he is expected back this weekend as well. So, the Continentals head into the home stretch with a healthy team and high expectations.



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Coach Phil Grady conducts practice with the men's team.

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Moran scores her 1000th career point as Women's Basketball suffers a tough 61-57 loss to Tufts

By Andy Berman '01
SPORTS WRITER

The Lady Continentals let a golden opportunity to break their losing streak slip through their fingertips on Friday night as they fell to Tufts (8-3) 61-57. The Continentals led at half-time 29-26 and had extended the lead to six points, at 50-44, with less then ten minutes to play. The offense then hit a rut and Tufts went on a 12-2 run to take a four point lead. The Continentals fought back and cut the lead to one with less then a minute to play after point guard Jenny Russell '02 hit a three-pointer. Julie Gennuso '01 came up with a steal on the defensive end and was fouled by a Tufts player with less than thirty seconds left. Trailing by just one, Gennuso was on the foul line for a one-and-one. Her attempt hit back iron, Tufts rebounded the miss and converted three of four free throws in the final seconds to ice the game.

The Continentals were led by Russell who had 18 points, Brenna Chiaputti '02 who had 11 points and senior Jen Moran with 10 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists. For one of the few times this season the undersized Continentals out rebounded their opponent, 43-39, and had two less turnoversthan their opponent. Even that was not enough.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Julie Gennuso '01 looks for an open lane as her apponent attempts to defend.

Coach Julie Diehl's only comment was that "It was a would have, could have, should have game."

On Saturday, the Lady Continentals faced the nationally ranked Bates Bobcats (13-1). Bates jumped out to a 22-4 lead and cruised to a 16 point halftime lead. The Continental starting backcourt of Russell and Chiaputti struggled against the nation's leader in steals, Bates' Colleen McGrave and Jolene Thurston had 18 first half points for the Bobcats. Hamilton cut the lead to 12 at the beginning of the second half, as McGrave watched from the sidelines with a sprained ankle, but Bates went on a 22-0 run to put the game away and won by a final score of 68-44

The lone highlight of the day was Jen Moran. Moran needed just 16 points at the start of the day to reach the 1,000 point mark for her career. At half-time though she had as many points as fouls, two each. The second half was a different story as Moran scored 18 points, finishing with 20 for the day and 1,004 for her career. The 1,000th point came on an 18-foot jumper with 5:05 left in the second half. Moran received a standing ovation from the crowd as she became just the fifth woman in Hamilton basketball to reach the 1,000 point plateau.

On Tuesday, Hamilton faced another nationally ranked opponent, this time William Smith. The Lady Continentals fell 85-39 as no player managed double digit points. The problems that have plagued the Lady Continentals continue to plague them against the Herons. Turnovers and rebounding were again a problem this weekend as Hamilton committed 51 turnovers in two games and were out rebounded 101-80. The starting backcourt also struggled committing 25 turnovers while mustering just four assists.

This weekend they travel to Trinity and Amherst before closing out their UCAA schedule against Skidmore on Tuesday in Margaret Bundy Scott Field House.

For the Lady Continentals to improve, they must cut down their number of turnovers and rebound as a team to make up for their lack of size.

Women's Track edges Geneseo by three points

By Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

After a tough home loss to Ithaca College last week, the women's indoor track team won a challenging meet against Geneseo, Brockport, Alfred, and Hartwick Colleges, edging out Geneseo by three points, 163-160.

In the 20-lb. weight throw, Sherri Hamlette '01 and Beth Hayes '02 finished third and sixth, respectively, with throws of 12.5 m. and 10.87 m. In the shotput, Hamlette and Hayes finished second and seventh respectively, with distances of 11.08 m. and 9.41 m.

In the long jump, Emily Scursso '02,Christina Freyre '02, Colleen Trzaskos '02, Janet Davis '01, Lynne Myrth '01, Kelly Aitken '02, and Veronique Gbado '02 finished third, fourth, sixth, ninth, tenth, twelfth, and thirteenth, respectively. In the triple jump Scursso, Aitken, and Trzaskos finished fourth, fifth, and eighth, respectively, with jumps of 9.46 m., 9.28 m., and 8.54 m.

In the running events, Jenn Rooney '02 finished fifth in the 5,000 m. run in 21:52.50. In the 1,500 m. run, Emily Hill '01 finished second with a time of 4:58.65. Hill said, "The team pulled it together in all areas to come away with a narrow win, which reflects the women's determination and drive for success. Many women achieved personal bests or qualified for states and ECAC's as well. With this win under our belts, we are prepped for further success at Colgate this weekend and in the upcoming state meet."

In the 55 m. hurdles Freyre finished second overall with a time of 9.68 seconds. In the 400 m. run, Danielle Wittern '02 and Sara Scott '01 finished third and eighth, respectively, with times of 1:06.3 and 1:21.05. In the 500 m. run, Kristen Daly '01 and Kate McAuliffe '99 finish third and fifth respectively, with times of 1:28.41 and 1:31.44. In the 55 m. dash, Emily Bayley'02 won the event in 7.93 seconds. Scursso, Lynne Myrth '01, Peggy Malloy '01, Veronique Gbado '02, Pam Dixon '01, Halicia Haye '02 finished third, seventh, and tenth through thirteenth, respectively. In the 800 m. run, Katie Wasilenko '99, Lesley Vars '00, Elizabeth Guancial '01, and Bridget Collins '02 finished second, fifth, eighth, and ninth, with times of 2:25.17, 2:35.60, 2:39.95, and 2:40.42, respectively. Wasilenko said, "Everyone pulled together for a great team performance. Two more records fell (1000m and 4x800m) and more people qualified for post-season competition. Overall I would say we had a very good day!"

In the 1000 m. run, Maggie Hanson '02 and Tara Woolford '99 finished first and second, respectively, with times of 3:06.84 and 3:07.54. Hanson's time set a new Hamilton record. Woolford said that the team was victorious because "people really focussed on personal improvement at the meet, and this ultimately adds to the team success. We're getting used to running in some bigger meet situations, which will help us in the Championship season."

In the 200 m. dash, Freyre finished first with a time of 28.36 seconds. Myrth, Davis, Malloy, Dixon, and Scott finished fourth, eighth, twelfth, thirteenth, and sixteenth, respectively. Annie Toth '02 finished first with a time of 10:51.55 in the 3000 m. run. She said, "This past weekend's meet was really exciting. We were trailing behind Geneseo by only a few points as we got down to the final events, but we were able to pull through as a team in the end."

In the 4x400 m. relay, Hamilton finished third with a time of 4:38.57; in the 4x800 m. relay, Hamilton set a new school record with a winning time of 10:04.70. This weekend the team takes on rival Colgate in an important invitational meet.

Swimming blows out Union

By Elizabeth Crispino '01
SPORTS WRITER

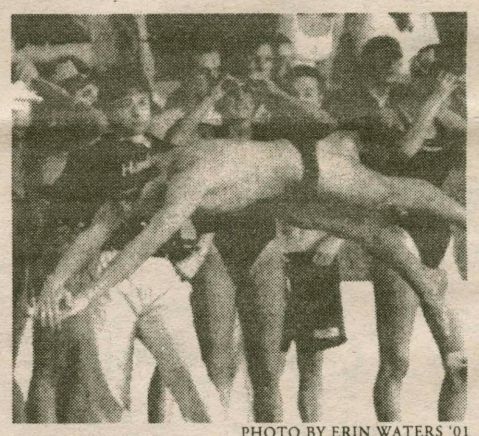
This past weekend, the Hamilton Men's and Women's Swim Teams blew Union out of the water. This time, literally. The women taught those Union girls a lesson with a score of 137 to 97, while the men played teacher to a weak Union team, 136 to 94. The Union team did not have a chance as Hamilton dominated nearly every event.

Emily Coleman '01, winner of the 1 Meter and 3 Meterdiving, says of the meet, "Going into the meet, I knew that they had good divers, but I knew that if I performed well that I would be successful. Everybody on the team has been working very hard , and we proved that we have one of the strongest diving teams in the state."
In addition, Hamilton was unofficial in the last three events of each meet. In layman's terms, Hamilton's teams swam in the races, but the points did not count, because they did not want to run up the score. All members of both teams swam well, despite the lack of competition by Union. Coach Thompson says of the blowout, "We are very happy with how the teams swam and are looking great for the end of the season."
Captain DJ Postles '00 broke the school record in the 1000 Meter with a time of 9:43. Postles continued his dominance of Division III swimming. Postles is one of the best swimmers in Hamilton history and continues to be a force.

The men's team had many outstanding performances throughout the meet including: Tony Loeffler '01 taking first in the 50 Free, captain Adam Bushnoe '99 won the 200 Fly in the last 25 meters, and David Cecere '02 won the 200 Breast.

Ross Downing '01 states, "The team is starting to gel, and all of our training is starting to pay off. We are confident that we have a chance of winning the state meet."

As well as the men did, the women were also outstanding and their record



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Stevo Fontaine '01 heads into the pool completing the last relay leg.

stands at 6-2. Emily Pietroaolo '01 won both the 200 Fly and the 200 IM, while the women went 1-2-3-4 in the 50 Free - Jen Kunz, Megan Steed, Katerina Donovan, and Amy Ryan finished in the top four. The women also won the first relay, the 400 Medley, and went 1-2 in the 400 Freestyle Relay. Captain Alysa Ball '99 also won the 200 Backstroke.

Captain Megan Steed '00 says, "The Union meet was great, the women really came together, and we placed really well in every race. We have RPI this weekend, which we expect to win. States is coming up soon, in which we will probably be seeded second behind Ithaca at this point.

It is ironic that the State meet is being held at Hamilton again this year for seniors Alysa Ball and Katie Aiello. Their freshman year, the State meet was held at Hamilton as well, and the women won that meet that year. Let's hope that the team can reciprocate that win this year for Alysa and Katie.

With one more dual meet this weekend against RPI, both teams are in excellent position for good performances at the ending tournaments. The Women's State meet is going to be he d at Hamilton February 17-20th, while the men travel to RPI on February 24-27th.

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Continentals split weekend games as Manley comes up big; Next six games key to Continentals' post-season aspirations

By David Zane '02
SPORTS EDITOR

February is the time of the month when the contenders separate themselves from the pretenders. So where does Hamilton's men's hockey team sit in this. It appears they are stuck somewhere in the middle. Coach Grady says his team "must finish their plays in order to win games." This phrase could not have rang any more true than on Friday night against New England College. Hamilton held a 3-0 lead with six minutes left in the second period. Senior Zac Sweetland scored two goals while junior John Manley added the third goal. After six minutes passed New England became a new team, scoring two goals to end the period. Then at the beginning of the third New England continued their run scoring two straight, and appearing to burst the Continental's bubble in terms of a comeback. But, with 16:59 left in the third period John Manley put a shot high into the new off the rebound to tie the game at four a piece. At the end of regulation the game was tied 4-4. In overtime Hamilton got a few good looks at the net, but actually was outshot by New England 7-4 in overtime. Overall Hamilton actually outshot New England 62-48. The game ended in a 4-4 tie and the Continentals dropped to 3-5-2 in ECAC play. Coach Grady said of the game, "we felt like we lost even though we outworked, and outshot them [New England] . . . we had them on the ropes but we couldn't put them away."

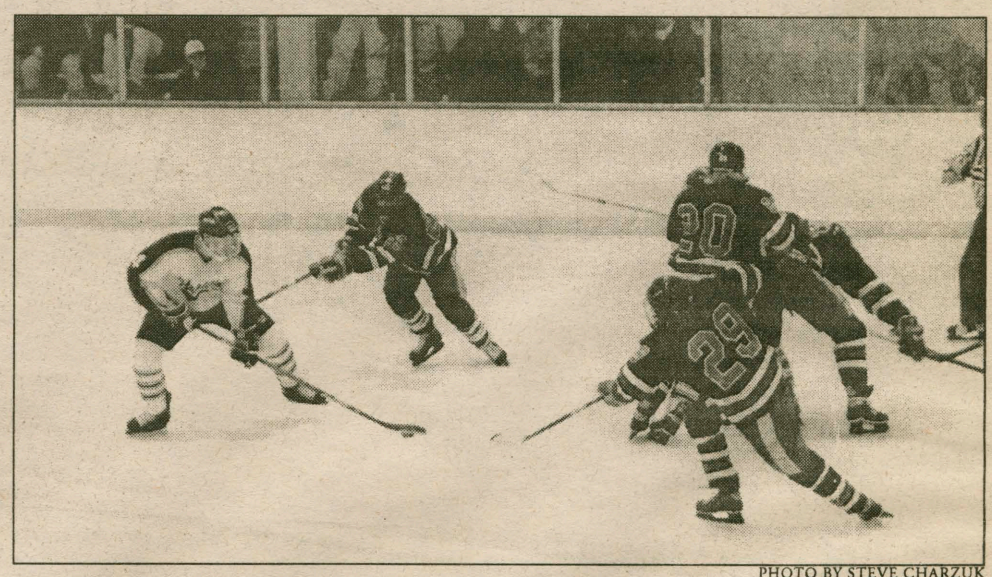
The next night the Continentals had to rebound from their tie against the upstart squad from New England to play another team that hoped to put a dent in the Continentals postseason hopes, St. Anselm. The Hawks was considered to be a more dangerous team than the New England College team the Continentals faced the night before. This is due to the fact that St. Anselm had two lines that could match up with Hamilton and New England had only one. Early in the first period the Continentals were dealt a huge blow when one of the referees called a five-minute major penalty and game misconduct on senior and assistant captain Zac Sweetland for checking from behind. Sweetland, who had been instrumental, the night before in scoring two goals, seemed to be getting into a groove when the referee made the controversial call. Although Coach Phil Grady did not agree with the call and was even seen between periods hashing it out with the officials, he did say that it was a pure judgement call on the part of the officials.

With Sweetland out someone needed to step, the Continentals had to look no further than junior center John Manley. Manley stepped up his performance in a huge game. He scored one goal, which coincidentally occurred just after Sweetland was ejected, and assisted on two others. Manley finished the night with having had a hand in three of the Continentals five goals.

Just when it looked as if the Continentals had put the game away, St. Anselm came storming back in the third period, scoring two goals in eleven seconds. It seemed as though the ghosts of the night before were returning to Sage Rink, that was until freshman Craig Leger scored a huge goal at 12:47 in the third period. Then about a minute and a half later sophomore Vic Cizmarik eliminated any momentum that St. Anselm had and by putting the Continentals ahead for good, 5-3.

This weekend Hamilton fans saw two sides of the men's hockey team: the one that dominates opponents by putting lose rebounds in the net, keeping the puck in their opponents' zone, and outworking and outshooting their opponents and most importantly by finishing the play. But, fans also saw a team backs down from opponents, thus letting them into the game. Coach Grady said that in order for this team to win games they must finish plays. "We are not getting the best shots that we can. We need to get people in front of the net so that they are in a position to rebound the puck and put it in the net," said Grady.

When asked what games were important, Grady responded, "all of them. We



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Captain Brian Coakley '99 evades four defenders enroute to a Continental goal. Coakley is among the league leaders in defenseman scoring.

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Let's get ready to rumble: Trinity, Amherst invade Clinton

By Peter Ringel
SPORTS EDITOR

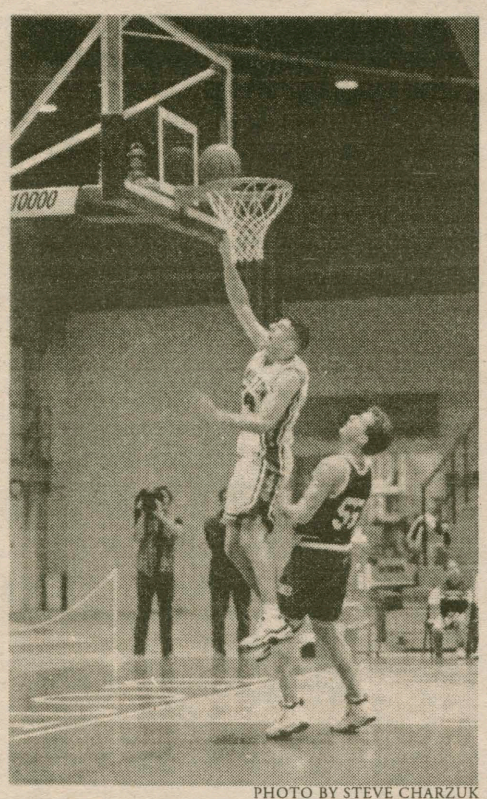
Why does the men's basketball team continue to tease its fans with inconsistent play? The Continentals have one of the strongest front-lines in the nation, yet the team has not played up to its potential all season. Furthermore, every time the team looks as if it is playing tremendous basketball, it loses a game it should have won. The most recent example of this disturbing trend occurred last Friday when the Continentals traveled to Massachusetts to battle Tufts.

"It was a game we could of won," said head basketball coach Tom Murphy. "They had a good size lead on us, but we were able to get the lead down to three with a couple minutes left. Unfortunately, we couldn't score on three straight possessions and then they came down and hit a three, which put the game out of reach. But we did not shoot the ball well during the whole game."

The 74-66 loss to Tufts was the latest setback for the Continentals who arguably could still be undefeated. Senior forward Michael Schantz led the Continentals with 17 points and 13 rebounds, while senior center Jon Schmiegel chipped in 11 points and 12 rebounds. Senior point guard Lamar Johnson added 15 point, and senior forward Max Stroman scored 12 points in the loss.

What a difference a day makes! Less than 24 hours after losing to Tufts, the Continentals demolished Bates by a score of 117-78. Hamilton played well from the opening tip, as the team jumped out to a lead of 20-11. The Continentals then went on an 18-4 run over the next four minutes giving them a lead of 38-15. By halftime, the Continentals had extended their lead to 57-30.

The Continentals forced 24 Bates turnovers and shot a very impressive 55.7 percent from the floor. Schantz scored a game-high 35 points and grabbed nine rebounds, while also leading Hamilton with four steals. Schmiegel had 21 points and also pulled down nine rebounds. Johnson added 16 points in the victory, and Stroman scored nine points and dished out six assists. Sophomore forward Kris Fudge scored a career-high nine points in a very impressive Continental victory.



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As we have seen him do many times,All-American forward Mike Schantz '99 leaps over an opponent during another Continental victory.

"The Bates win was our best game of the year," Murphy stated emphatically. "We had great ball movement and played great defense. Lamar played very well at Bates, but the biggest thing is that we showed we are capable of playing at a very high level."

On Tuesday, the Continentals visited Hobart, who they had beaten in Clinton earlier this season, 94-66. The Continentals squeaked out a 79-78 victory at Hobart when Johnson scored with 25 seconds left in the game. The Continentals managed to hold Hobart scoreless for the final 25 seconds, as the men's basketball team improved to 11-4 on the season. Murphy explained that when the Continentals travel to play Hobart, "It's the biggest game on Hobart's schedule, and we can't afford to take them lightly. When you're a good team, everyone wants a piece of you." Hobart was clearly primed and ready for the Continentals. Hobart led at halftime and for most of the game, as the Continentals struggled to find their rhythm. "We played poorly for most of the game," said a dis

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